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Police Vote No Confidence In Suspended Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A little over a week after Police Chief Robert Campbell received a 90-day suspension without pay from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for his handling of a drunk driving arrest last July, a majority of the town's police force voiced their opinion of the affair by announcing a vote of no confidence in their chief.

Johnson said he respected the officers' right to express their opinion and he understood their feelings, but the union's vote of no confidence will not enter into his decision to return Campbell to his post as chief in April.

"I can't operate the Police Department or any other department based on a union vote of no confidence," Johnson said. "In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, I handed out a very severe penalty for the mistake the chief made. Clearly, this is the most severe penalty I've handed out to a police officer since I've been the Mayor."

Nine days before the no confidence vote, Campbell waived his right to appeal the Mayor's decision, apologized for his actions, and accepted the three-month suspension for his actions in directing two officers to void the arrest of a local businessman for driving under the influence of alcohol last July.

Campbell admitted he had further compounded the situation "by failing to clearly take full and total responsibility for the chain of events when

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Town's Open Space & Recreation Plan Being Updated Via Survey

Deborah S. Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Development, has announced that the Town of Agawam is updating its 1994 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Plan, which must be updated every five years, enables the community to be eligible to apply for grant funding from a number of state and federal programs.

In the past, funding from such programs has gone to purchasing new lands, such as Perry Lane Park, and improving existing Town-owned facilities like the Agawam Golf Course. The updated plan is currently being prepared by the Office of Planning and Community Development and the Conservation Commission.

As part of the update, a survey is being sent home with the children of Phelps, Robinson, Granger, and Clark elementary schools this week and will also be made available in Town Hall. Furthermore, this survey can be found in this edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* (pages 12 and 13).

The survey is intended to build on and incorporate public opinions and values in the Plan update, and all are encouraged to participate.

Surveys can be returned to Town Hall, or mailed to the Planning Office at: Office of Planning and Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The deadline for return is February 12, 1999.

The 1990's - A "Decade Of Progress" For Agawam...

Johnson Says State Of The City Is Something To Celebrate

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Nearing the end of a decade as the town's chief executive, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson took center stage at the Middle School auditorium on Monday night to deliver a State of the City address focused on celebrating Agawam's success in achieving community goals and outlining plans for continued progress in capital improvements, economic development, and land use.

Flanked by members of the Town Council and School Committee, Johnson told an audience of family, friends, and department heads, "Too often as a society, we tend to focus so intently on our goals that we fail to notice the progress that we are achieving along the way. Too often, we simply fail to take the time to celebrate our successes."

"As we approach the 21st century and a new millennium, I think it is important for all the citizens of Agawam to pause and reflect. I believe that reflection will reveal that we live in one of the best communities in the greatest country on earth."

In a 40-minute speech punctuated by audience applause, Johnson detailed the progress made in achieving the goals most consistently identified as top priorities by town residents over the last 10 years; improving the public schools, preserving open space, and maintaining control over future development.

Throughout the address, Johnson credited town workers, department heads, the volunteers who serve on the various boards and commissions, the School Committee and Town Council, for their support and assistance in making the 1990's a decade of progress for the town.

"Under the leadership of Council President Don Rheault, the council has recognized the need to change our zoning code and put forth the necessary funding and effort to begin this critical process," Johnson said. "They have enlisted the support and assistance of the town's land use boards and professionals and, hopefully, 1999 will mark the beginning of a process of positive change to Agawam's zoning code."

"These changes will likely have the single largest impact in shaping the future look and feel of our community," he said.

The "Most Cordial And Productive" Council...

As the "most cordial and productive" council of his 10 years as Mayor, Johnson commended the council members for their legislative work on the street acceptance and used car ordinances.

Rheault said he appreciated the Mayor's compliment, noting, "The council has been working for the benefit of the community by providing the money to support the services enjoyed by the people of Agawam."

In February, Johnson will be looking for more financial support from the council to approve the taking of a parcel of land by eminent domain and the funds to begin designing a new Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Tennis Road.

"Jack Stone and the entire crew at the Public Works Department do a great job keeping Agawam moving, despite the run-down, outdated, undersized, and frankly deplorable facility that they are forced to call home," Johnson said.

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New Community Policing Van For Agawam...



THE AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT recently acquired a new eight-passenger van to be used for community policing activities. The van can be used by the Safety Officer to transport senior citizens from the SALT council to regional TRIAD meetings, and the DARE Officer to transport junior and senior high school peer mediators to training seminars and other events. The van was purchased through a state community policing grant. Pictured with the van (from left to right) are Sergeant Steve Draghetti (Safety Officer) and Acting Police Chief Bill Sliech. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Despite his lack of success in contacting the owners of the Tennis Road property over the last year, Johnson said he will ask the council to take the land by eminent domain because it is the best site for a new DPW garage.

Beside being located at the geographic center of town, the Tennis Road site has adequate space for future growth and expansion, does not immediately abut any large residential neighborhoods, and has the potential to serve as the site for a municipal complex with space for a new town hall, a new school, recreation facilities, and a new police headquarters, Johnson said.

"It is not the least expensive site available, but I strongly believe that it is the best," Johnson said. "Agawam has been in business for almost 150 years; we should not be shortsighted in making the necessary capital improvements to allow for growth over the next 150 years."

While support for a new DPW garage has been identified as a top priority by Town Council, Rheault said he could not comment on the Mayor's proposal to acquire the Tennis Road site until the council has a chance to review the financial figures when the project is formally submitted for their consideration.

Another long-awaited capital improvement likely to get off the ground next year is the expansion of the Public Library. With the library expansion project currently number 11 on the list of projects already approved for state funding, Johnson is optimistic that the state funding will come through and the project to triple the size of the library (adding more space for children's programming, a quiet study area, expanded reference materials, and new library and media technology) will begin in 1999.

With the 1998 completion of the \$20 million school expansion and renovation project at the

four elementary schools and the High School, the 1990 Middle School renovation project, a new roof and heating system at the Junior High, and the construction and imminent expansion of the Early Childhood Center, the infrastructure of the public schools is in the best shape ever, Johnson said.

Johnson Praises Town's School System...

Johnson praised the School Committee, school administrators, and teachers for their work in completing the herculean task of revising and rewriting the entire Pre-K through Grade 12 curriculum under the guidance of Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski. Johnson said Superintendent Frank Ameruso kept the process moving forward with his strong educational leadership, while Deputy Superintendent Donald Charest found the funding to support the new curriculum with new textbooks, new educational technology, and professional development.

In the area of open space preservation, Johnson said the town has successfully preserved almost 500 acres of open space since 1993 through the acquisition of the former Agawam Country Club, the Tuckahoe Turf Farm, the Hall property next to Perry Lane Park, and the land formerly owned by Hampden County on School Street and River Road.

"The acquisition of these key parcels of open space will have a permanent, positive impact on the quality of life in Agawam," Johnson said.

Fiscally, Johnson reported the town "is in great shape," having received three bond rating upgrades in the last four years. The bond rating upgrades, the first the town has received in nearly 30 years, are expected to save the town thousands of dollars in interest rates on bonds over the next 20 years.

Also, the stabilization fund has grown from \$300,000 to \$1.7 million over the last five years, and the town has built its excess levy capacity from zero to more than \$2.2 million today (allow-

ing Agawam to pursue its capital improvement plan without unduly burdening the taxpayers and without ever attempting an override of Proposition 2½), Johnson said.

"The bond rating upgrades reflect our strong financial leadership and the improved financial practices that we have instituted during my tenure. It also reflects the strong financial position of our community and our positive track record of quality economic growth," Johnson said.

Property tax rates for the 1998 fiscal year for both the residential class and business class in Agawam were lower than Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Westfield, and West Springfield; for the residential class, the rate was also higher in Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

"Agawam's low tax burden and its low commercial/industrial tax rate have allowed us to continue to attract quality new businesses without offering tax incentives," Johnson said. "These new businesses have created new jobs and new construction which have fueled our recent economic growth and prosperity."

Johnson said he would continue to work hard to make Agawam the best place in the Pioneer Valley to live, work, and raise a family. After thanking his family and his wife for giving him the support he needs to "do the work that I love," Johnson said being Mayor was the "best job in the world thanks to my office staff, especially my Executive Assistant Linda Mercadante and my Administrative Assistant Jennifer Glover."

Johnson said he was proud to serve as Mayor, and that he enjoyed working with the many dedicated and talented people employed by the town as well as the people who volunteer their time for the community. But, Johnson would not speculate on whether those sentiments would lead him to seek a sixth term in office.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 7:15 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding a provision relative to delaying the demolition of historically significant buildings. A copy of the proposed zon-

ing amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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BY ORDER OF

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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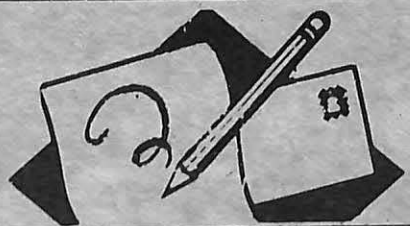
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Letters To The Editor

Let's Not Repeal Wildlife Protection Act In Our State

To The Editor:

The Massachusetts ballot question known as Question 1 — the Wildlife Protection Act — became law in a landslide vote in November 1996.

It restricts the use of body-gripping traps (such as leghold traps) to capture fur-bearing animals; the pursuit or hunting of bear or bobcat with dogs; and it eliminates the requirements that five of the seven board members of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (the agency responsible for managing wildlife) must have held sporting licenses for five consecutive years, and that four members must represent trapping, hunting, and fishing interests.

There is currently a concentrated effort by opponents of the 1996 Wildlife Protection Act to overturn this law in the Massachusetts legislature. If the restrictions on trapping are removed, it would not only repeal the mandate of the vast majority in this state, it would also be a devastating loss for animal protection.

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has tried to sabotage the Wildlife Protection Act by attempting to convince the public that it cannot work; however, there are effective safeguards in the law to protect landowners and the public's health and safety. Trapping is a cruel, inhumane practice causing the animal excruciating pain and lingering death.

Please get in touch with your state legislators regarding the attempt to repeal the Wildlife Protection Act. Sixty-four percent of Massachusetts voters cast their vote in favor of this law. Our elected representatives may need reminding.

Eleanore Richards
Agawam

It's Time To Start Planning For Rest Of Sewer Installations

To The Editor:

A large number of residences in Agawam, especially in the Feeding Hills section, are being faced with gigantic expenses to "fix" septic systems. One of the early signs of spring is not the arrival of the first robins, but the stench of sewage that permeates the air in many neighborhoods that are unfortunate enough to have high groundwater levels.

The causes are many and varied. A complex combination of factors ranging from beavers damming brooks to land development and displacement of wetlands has caused systems that normally function properly to fail. Leach fields that are under standing puddles of water are not going to function, no matter what remedy is applied.

The ultimate solution is to have the city's government make good on a pledge that goes back over 18 years. When we first moved to Agawam almost 20 years ago, we were told that sewers were about two to five years away.

Well, a lot of waste has flowed through the leach fields since then, and the residents of our community are not a single flush closer to having adequate sewer systems now than they were almost 20 years ago.

Horror stories abound regarding homeowners who have had to spend many thousands of dollars on such things as "elevated" tanks and the like. When these homes were built, they passed inspection and everything was fine, or so it seemed.

Subtle changes in wetlands, logging of old growth trees, new streets, and housing developments all contribute to the problems facing many homeowners who not only have "wet basement" problems, but are facing some very real problems with their "Town Approved" septic systems.

It is time for Agawam's government to stop stalling and commence planning for the installation of sewers in the rest of the town. Everyone points a finger at the State Highway Department for taking over 20 years for Route 57 to be completed. Perhaps we should look a little closer to home and start asking WHY the government of Agawam is almost as tardy with its promises to extend sewer lines to the remainder of the town.

Let's get started NOW before more property owners have to face any more financial disasters. Ask a realtor about the value of houses with septic systems, in light of the new laws that were passed at the state level.

Sincerely,
Kent Servis
Feeding Hills

AHS Band's Annual Auction Is Once Again A Great Success

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Band's annual auction fundraiser (which was held on January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) was once again a great success! Thank you to all who "braved the elements" to attend our auction and generously support our Band with your purchases.

The Agawam High School Band especially wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to the following area businesses who very generously donated merchandise and gift certificates for this fundraiser:

Agawam Bowl; Agawam Spirit Shop; Blimpie's; Christina's Newsstand; Tim Daggett Gymnastics; Games & Lanes; Gordon LaSalle Music; Jim's Floors & More; Movie Mart; Ryan's Drug Store; Shear Techniques; Ski-In; Bruno's Pizza; Rackliffe Locksmith.

Agawam Cinemas; Alexander's Restaurant; Block Jewelers; Christo's Restaurant; Freedom Farm; Garden Emporium; Giovanni's Bakery; Dave's Soda & Pet Food City; Pager's Superette; Salon Tres Chic; Valenti's Restaurant; Unlimited Lengths; Sarat Ford; Westfield Bank.

Agawam Florist; Backpacking, Etc.; China Star Restaurant; E.B.'s Specialty Chicken; Friendly's Restaurant; Geissler's Supermarket; Hollywood Video; Leaded Glass Creation; Parthenon Restaurant; Sandie's Agawam Cleaners; Victorian Nails; Bella Pizza; CNE Associates; Thorpe's Office Supply.

Roxanne Borowiec
Secretary, Band Parents' Association

AHS' Class Of 2001 Officers And Advisors Offer Thanks

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School class of 2001 would like to thank all those who generously donated money to the class treasury. This was a successful fundraiser for the class, and the money collected will help to pay for class activities.

We would also like to remind those who have not yet donated that we will be accepting donations through June. Checks may be made payable to the AHS c/o 2001. Please include the student's name and homeroom on the face of the check.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity.
Sincerely,
The officers and advisors of the class of 2001

AHS Cheerleader Booster Club Thanks Oak Ridge

To The Editor:

In last week's *Advertiser News*, I submitted a letter thanking everyone who helped with the AHS Cheerleader Golf Tournament. Inadvertently, I named the wrong golf course.

This year's tournament was held at Oak Ridge Country Club, not Crestview. I extend my apologies to Oak Ridge and, at the same time, thank them for the outstanding and professional job they did for the cheerleaders.

Without their help, this year's fundraiser would not have been possible.

Sincerely,
Donna Bodurtha
AHS Cheerleader Booster Club

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Local Open Pantry Conducting "Souper Sunday" Collection

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, in conjunction with Super Bowl Sunday, is holding a food and fund drive, "Souper Sunday," through Sunday, January 31st.

The public is invited to drop off donations of food at participating supermarkets in Agawam and West Springfield. Monetary donations can be sent to the Pantry at 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

People give generously to the Pantry during the holiday season, and it could not survive without that generosity. After the holidays, donations dwindle even though the need does not. The bitter winter months mean many have to choose between food and shelter, or heat and food.

We are asking the public to help in a simple way. As you do your weekly grocery shopping or shopping for your Super Bowl party, do not forget those whose concern is not who will win the Super Bowl, but where or when their next cup of soup will come. After the game, the Pantry will pick up the food for distribution to Agawam and West Springfield residents.

Please patronize the area supermarkets who are so generously participating in "Souper Sunday." In Agawam and Feeding Hills, participating stores are Super FoodMart, Super Stop & Shop, and Geissler's. In West Springfield, both Big Y's are participating.

For more information, please contact Candy Boucher at the Pantry or Gina-Marie Letellier at 739-2112.

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the matter came to public light" and by making comments that appeared to shift the blame to arresting Officer Anthony Grasso and shift commander Sergeant Richard Light, Jr.

Police unions spokesman Sergeant Wayne Macey said a meeting of the officers was held last week and a no confidence vote was taken, indicating that 92 percent of the Police Department "has no confidence in the leadership ability of Chief Robert Campbell."

The major concern of the officers was that two fellow officers had been held up to ridicule and scorn for five months "while the truth was nowhere to be found," according to a statement read by Macey.

"Although it is with somber regret that we announce this vote, we would like the townspeople of Agawam to be rest assured that they will continue to receive the very best service this department has to offer," Macey said.

Campbell was suspended effective Monday, January 11th, through Friday, April 9th, and ordered to make public statements to the Police Department and the community acknowledging a lack of proper judgment and accepting full responsibility for his actions.

Under the terms of the suspension imposed by the Mayor, Campbell will lose slightly more than \$20,000 in pay and will be required to reimburse other police officers for any out-of-pocket expenses they may have incurred as a result of his actions.

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Massachusetts' Jewish Leaders Honor Senator Melconian At Legislative Reception In Boston

Leaders from the organized Jewish community and legislators from across the Commonwealth gathered in Boston recently at a legislative reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

Don Siegel, JCRC President, presented Senator Linda Melconian, a Springfield Democrat, with the Legislator of the Year award for her work to protect the privacy of genetic information, as well as for her advocacy on behalf of legal immigrants and refugees.

A couple of weeks ago, Senate President Thomas Birmingham appointed Senator Melconian to be Senate Majority Leader. Presenting the award, Siegel said, "It is an honor to recognize Senator Melconian for her achievements only a few days after she was selected for this new position."

"Indeed, Senator Melconian has been a relentless advocate for the privacy of genetic information. Without proper protections written into law, anyone who undergoes genetic testing faces potential discrimination in employment and insurance."

Siegel also praised Senator Melconian for forging a close relationship with the Jewish Family Service in her district and with the Federation of Greater Springfield through her work on immigrant issues.

"I thank the Jewish Community Relations Council for honoring me with this award," remarked Melconian. "I look forward to continuing our work together on issues that we both care deeply about, including protecting the privacy of individuals and genetic test results and providing aid for Citizenship Assistance Programs."

JCRC and MAJF also presented Legislator of the Year awards to Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral (D-New Bedford), Representative Kay Khan (D-Newton), and Representative Anne M. Paulsen (D-Belmont). Representative Paul Haley (D-Weymouth) and Senator Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) received awards for legislative achievement.

The event also served as an opportunity for the organized Jewish community to highlight its legislative agenda.

"We continue to support efforts to maintain the safety net for legal immigrants and refugees. In addition, we will also continue our push for legislation to protect the privacy of genetic information," said Susan Calechman, Vice President of the Jewish Community Relations Council and Chair of the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations.

The organized Jewish community, Calechman said, will also advocate for state funding for home health visits for the elderly and services for the mentally retarded. "We will also continue to work with our colleagues in other faith communities to oppose the death penalty."

Calechman praised the legislature for approving funds recently for state Citizenship Assistance Programs, for which Melconian has been a strong advocate. The citizenship programs give low-income immigrants the opportunity to attend English and civics classes and to receive help with the citizenship application process.

CAP also serves low-income immigrants and refugees who receive state-funded benefits and who are required to pursue citizenship as a condition of receiving those benefits.

"Once again, Massachusetts, in bipartisan fashion, has demonstrated its commitment to aiding immigrants in their quest to become full participants in the social, economic, and political life of our commonwealth," said Calechman.

Founded in 1944, the JCRC represents the domestic and international concerns of Boston's organized Jewish community, serving as an umbrella for 42 member organizations, many of which were represented at the reception.

Since 1993, the JCRC has been the home of the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations, which was organized to represent the eight Jewish federations in Massachusetts and federation-affiliated social service agencies.

1999 Agawam City Council Committees

Committee on Rules

Robert Young (Chairperson)
Nancy Thompson
Edward Caba

Committee on Ordinances

George Bitzas (Chairperson)
Edward Caba
Robert Magovern

Committee on Utilities

Edward Caba (Chairperson)
Dennis Perry
Robert Magovern

Committee on Licenses

John Negrucci (Chairperson)
Gary Geiger
Gina Letellier

Committee on Street Acceptances

Nancy Thompson (Chairperson)
Jill Simpson
Robert Young

Rte. 57 Committee

Dennis Perry (Chairperson)
John Negrucci
Jill Simpson

Zoning Review Committee

Gina Letellier (Chairperson)
Gary Geiger
Robert Young

1999 Budget Sub-Committees

School Budget Committee

Robert Magovern (Chairperson)
Jill Simpson
George Bitzas
Nancy Thompson
Robert Young

Budget Committee No. 1

Edward Caba (Chairperson)
Dennis Perry
Nancy Thompson

Town Council, Mayor, Town Accountant, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer/Collector, Town Assessor, Law, Election & Registration, Council on Aging, Data Processing, Line Items.

Budget Committee No. 2

Gary Geiger (Chairperson)
Gina Letellier
John Negrucci

Fire, Police, Weights & Measures, Bldg. Inspector, Health, Comm. Development, Veterans' Services, Agawam Country Club.

Budget Committee No. 3

Jill Simpson (Chairperson)
George Bitzas
Robert Magovern

DPW, Administration, Engineering, Motor Vehicle Maint., Parks & Recreation, Library, Bldg. Maint., Water Department, Waste Water Department.

State Representative Keenan Announces Latest Episode Of His Cable Access Show

A new episode of "From Your House to the State House With Representative Dan Keenan" will be airing during the month of February on channel 9, the local community access channel. Viewers interested in watching can tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. during February.

Joining Rep. Keenan as the guest for the show is Dr. Frederick Woodward, President of Westfield

State College. Current educational issues affecting students, teachers, and colleges in Massachusetts will be discussed.

Rep. Keenan encourages and welcomes feedback, comments, or questions regarding the television show. He can be contacted by phone at (413) 786-4545, or by mail at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



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“A Piece Of The News”

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

From Jan. 12th School Committee Mtg.

CONGRATULATIONS!

School Committeewomen **Susan Pettazzoni** and **Teresa Kozloski** were elected vice-chairwoman and secretary for 1999, respectively.

HONORS PORTFOLIO

Two months after his plan to create an honors level course in English for sophomores was rebuffed by the School Committee, Agawam High School Principal **Joseph Zabielski** obtained the committee's approval of a resolution calling for an Honors Portfolio in English for freshmen and sophomores. Students who successfully complete an honors portfolio, in addition to their regular classroom work, will receive Level II weighting of their grade and will have the honors portfolio designated on their report cards and grade transcripts.

Casting the sole dissenting vote, Committeewoman **Teresa Kozloski** remained steadfast in supporting the creation of an honors English class, rather than an honors portfolio of extra work, for the ninth and 10th graders.

Pointing out that in November the proposal to create an honors English program had the support of Zabielski, the academic coordinators, and the School Council, Mrs. Kozloski said, "I cannot support this. I think something will be lost without a solid honors class."

Zabielski said he had changed his proposal after discovering that 90 students had signed on to the portfolio program.

"Although my heart rests in an honors course, I'm willing to back off the course request if we have 90 kids who go through with it. If only 10 kids go through with it, we'll find we have a flaw," Zabielski said. "I'm willing to give the portfolio program a chance and this will give us some insights when we see the number of kids who go through with it."

Acting on the recommendation of the principal, the academic coordinator, and the school superintendent, the committee approved the honors portfolio in a 6-1 vote.

HONORS LEVEL COURSES

In a related vote, the committee was unanimous in approving a resolution to designate 32 courses already included in the high school course of studies as honors level courses.

Designating the courses as honors level courses will level the playing field for Agawam students in competing for college admissions and scholarships with students from high schools that designate their honors courses on their transcripts. Also, clearly labeling honors courses and describing the course work more fully in the course offerings booklet will help students make more informed choices when selecting their courses, according to school officials.

REVIEWING STUDENTS' MCAS SCORES

Assistant Superintendent **Mary Czajkowski** reported on the School Department's progress in reviewing the scores achieved by Agawam students in the first round of state testing mandated under education reform and the progress of school administrators in developing plans to improve student performance on future tests.

Administered last May, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) rated student performance in grades four, eight, and 10 in math, English language arts, and science & technology as compared to the learning standards set forth in the state curriculum frameworks.

In the areas of science & technology where the curriculum has been aligned with the state frameworks for the longest periods of time, Agawam students achieved their highest scores.

In English, where the new curriculum has been in place for the second longest period of time, the students scored lower than in science, but higher than in math where the curriculum has been in place since September. Overall, the students scored above the state average in science & technology and English language arts, but below the state average in math.

Ms. Czajkowski said the scores will be used as a baseline for future improvement, cautioning the public that improvement will not occur in one year. More time will be required for teachers to continue with professional development and for the schools to develop new strategies to improve student learning, Ms. Czajkowski said.

Academic coordinators, liaison teachers, and elementary specialists presented their plans to the School Committee for zeroing in on the areas where student scores need improvement and mapping out their strategies to make sure the state learning standards are covered in the classrooms at all grade levels.

The academic coordinators said the students had done well on the material that had been covered by their teachers, but many students had difficulty answering the open-ended essay questions.

"Over 40 percent of the new curriculum was not presented to the junior high students by the time they took the MCAS, but even so, our students did better than the state average on all but six questions and five of those questions dealt with topics not covered by the previous curriculum," according to Science Coordinator **Robert Sartwell**.

"The window of opportunity we have to make adjustments this year is very small because the second MCAS is just four months away," Ms. Czajkowski said. "We did the best in the academic areas where we had in place the new curriculum, updated materials, textbooks, and professional

development for teachers for the longest period of time."

Ms. Czajkowski said school officials had recently received the scores of failing students and she is planning to sit down with academic coordinators and principals to develop a tutoring program for students at risk of failing the spring tests.

"We'll be using a state grant of \$10,000 to address tutoring for students and remediation either before or after school," Ms. Czajkowski said. "We're going to identify the students and get them the help they need."

Sartwell said the Science Department plans to improve by continuing professional development, giving students more exposure to the inquiry-based approach to learning recommended in the frameworks, helping students realize it is important to think and to understand scientific principles, and helping students become more familiar with answering the open-ended questions.

Coordinators and liaison teachers in math, English, and technology raised similar points relating to their subject areas in discussing their plans for finetuning the curriculum and instruction so that the students are prepared for the testing.

The teachers will be meeting next month on a full release day to go over the MCAS scores and discuss classroom activities to improve test scores. In March, the teachers will be meeting for a full day with representatives of Advanced Systems in Measurement and Evaluation, the company that wrote the MCAS tests.

From Jan. 26th School Committee Mtg.

KOZLOSKI'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

Hoping to drum up some correspondence from the community, newly-elected School Committee Secretary **Teresa Kozloski** is inviting folks to E-mail her at Vedanya@aol.com.

Vedanya is Mrs. Kozloski's maiden name.

SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

The committee unanimously accepted a scholarship proposal from the friends and former students of AHS history teacher **Marjorie Ward**. Submitted by retired teachers **Janice Phillips** and **Marjorie Greenough**, the scholarship proposed is intended to serve as a fitting memorial to Marjorie Ward's dedication to the Agawam Public Schools and to her students.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student entering the field of education.

"I think this is a wonderful idea," said School Committeewoman **Teresa Kozloski**. "She was a wonderful teacher and it's nice to have her memory honored this way."

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Agawam Democratic Committee To Hold Next Meeting On Wednesday, February 3rd

The Agawam Democratic Committee has announced the scheduling of their regular February meeting to be held in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd.

As part of the Agawam Democratic Committee's ongoing commitment to keep the citizens of this community informed as to all levels of government, the committee is pleased to announce that the guest speaker will be Attorney **Marie Mazza**, Clerk of Courts for the Hampden Division of the Superior Court.

The Agawam Democratic Committee looks forward to this opportunity to become more informed regarding the workings of our Superior Court system from a truly insightful perspective. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend this opening meeting. You need not be a member of the committee, nor even a registered Democrat, to attend this meeting. Please come and join us.

The Agawam Democratic Committee meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month, except June, July, and August. All interested parties are welcome to attend the meetings.

Parties interested in joining this committee are encouraged to attend, and they must be registered Democrats residing in Agawam.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Stanley W. Olender

Stanley W. Olender, 80, of Agawam, died recently at Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He was a machine adjuster at U.S. Envelope of Springfield (now Westvaco of Enfield) for 25 years and retired in 1985. He was previously a meat-packer at the former H.L. Handy-Smith & Co. of Springfield.

He was born and schooled in the Housatonic section of Great Barrington and moved to Springfield in 1940. He moved to Agawam in 1961.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and received a Victory Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater and Philippine Liberation medals.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield and a member of its St. Joseph Society.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, the former Genevieve Skiba; a son, Anthony J. of Andover; a sister, Ann Kane of West Stockbridge; and two grandsons.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capitol Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Constance M. Gamelli

Constance M. (Langlois) Gamelli, 74, of 5955 Bloomfield Circle, Naples, Florida, died recently in Naples Community Hospital.

She lived in Agawam for 45 years before moving to Naples two years ago.

She owned and operated Gamelli T.V. in Springfield and Westfield for many years, retiring in 1990.

Born in Pittsfield, she was a graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a former member of the Agawam Women's Club.

She leaves three sons, Thomas of Agawam, Robert of Philadelphia, and Richard of Naples; a daughter, Lynne Gamelli of Agawam; a brother, Dennis of Melbourne, Florida; a good friend, Jack Perreault; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Way Fund, 184 Mill Street, P.O. Box 3040, Springfield, MA 01108.

Josephine M. Cascella

Josephine M. (Voislow) Cascella, 90, of 194 Elm Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a registered nurse and did hospital and private-duty nursing in New York City for 10 years.

She was a school nurse in Agawam for 20 years and then the town nurse.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life.

She graduated from the Lower Fifth Avenue Hospital School of Nursing in New York City in 1928. She established the first well-baby clinic here.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Her husband, John G. Cascella, died in 1994.

She leaves a daughter, Corinne M. Wingard of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fire Department Helmet Fund, 800 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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Rita M. LaBranch

Rita M. (Goguen) LaBranch, 80, of 22 Spencer Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born and educated in New Brunswick, Canada, she lived in Agawam for many years.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Raymond LaBranch, died in 1998, and a son, David, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, Peter of East Longmeadow; a brother, Anthony of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada; and a sister, Bertha Phalen of Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Mass. Chapter, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Josephine M. Montagna

Josephine M. (Fortini) Montagna, 91, of Highland Avenue, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked at Southworth Paper Co. for 12 years and retired in 1973.

She was born in West Springfield and lived in Agawam most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Charles J., died in 1960.

She leaves two daughters, Barbara Brooks of Southwick and Judith Clow of Agawam; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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IN LATE DECEMBER, U.S. Representative Richard Neal announced that the Department of Veterans' Affairs will finance the cost of Agawam's veterans cemetery. This announcement was made at the site of the future cemetery. IN LEFT PHOTO: Robert McKean, director of the State Veterans' Cemeteries, addresses an audience of about three dozen veterans and state and local officials. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Congressman Neal at the podium. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

VA To Underwrite \$7.2 Million Cost Of Vets' Memorial Cemetery In Agawam

Last month at the site of the future Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on Main Street in Agawam, U.S. Representative Richard Neal announced that the Department of Veterans' Affairs will pay for the construction of the proposed cemetery.

Originally, the \$7.2 million cost of the cemetery was to have been divided between the state and federal governments. However, this development "will save Massachusetts taxpayers \$3.7 million."

according to Robert McKean, the director of the State Veterans' Cemeteries.

McKean stated that both his department and the Congressman had been working "behind the scenes" to change the original funding plan, and Neal remarked that he was more than pleased with the VA's financial commitment to the Agawam site.

"I still believe that veterans' affairs are a federal responsibility because veterans are assigned to combat status as citizens of the

United States," stated Neal.

In expressing his approval over Neal's announcement, State Representative Daniel Keenan said, "Out of everything I've been involved with at the state level, this is the thing I'm most proud of. It shows how strongly we feel about vets."

The veterans' cemetery in Agawam is expected to be built by the spring of 2000. Officials hope that an opening ceremony will take place on Memorial Day of that year.

Veterans' Corner...

More Information On Prescription Medications

by Ruth C. Bitzas

Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Due to the many calls received requesting information on how to get help with prescription medications, I thought I would share some news on the Senior Pharmacy Program that could be helpful to veterans and non-veterans alike who have reached the age of 65. I received a letter from Beverly A. Coon, who is the Senior Pharmacy Program Coordinator for the Greater Springfield Senior Services, seeking our help in getting the word out.

With her letter, she enclosed a flyer with the following information:

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM provides up to \$750 a year for certain prescriptions and supplies for eligible elders with no prescription coverage. Elders who meet all of these requirements may be eligible:

"Age 65 at the time of application; residents of Massachusetts for the past six months; not enrolled in MassHealth (Medicaid); not covered for prescriptions from any source (HMO, Medigap plan, or other insurance policy); gross annual income not greater than \$12,084 per year (\$1,007 a month — couples apply individually).

"An annual enrollment fee of \$15 will be automatically deducted from the \$750 drug allowance. Co-payments will be \$3 for generic drugs and supplies and \$10 for brand-name drugs and supplies. Seniors who wish to join should call Senior Pharmacy Central Operations in Watertown, 1-800-953-3305.

"That office will forward the application and answer questions they might have about the provisions and requirements of the program. The program is administered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Division of Medical Assistance."

I hope that this information will be one more resource for people in obtaining the medications needed at a minimal cost for those on limited income. Good luck!

The following is our Honor Roll list of Agawam Vietnam veterans who resided in Agawam at the time of enlistment and served during a war-time era within guidelines of Chapter 4 of the Mass. General Laws.

This week, we are listing those veterans whose last name begins with the letter "H." If your name or the name of your loved one meet the above

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My Duties As Majority Leader...

It has been an exciting time for me over the last couple of weeks. As many of you may know, Senate President Birmingham recently appointed me to the position of Majority Leader in the Senate. The promotion is a great honor for me personally, but more importantly, it will make me

more effective in meeting the needs of Hampden County and Western Massachusetts.

I could not have reached this position without your support over the last 16 years. You have backed me through the lean times in the early 1990's and through our recent prosperity.

I have tried to earn your support by pushing for measures that are important to our district, such as the creation of the Springfield Telecommunications Center at STCC; "Lizzie's Law"; the expansion of Route 57; the transfer of county land to build an industrial park in Agawam; and the creation of the new Chicopee River Business Park.

My new position can only help these efforts to assure Western Massachusetts its proper place in our state government.

Much of what I do as Majority Leader will simply be an expansion of my duties as the First Assistant Majority Leader. I will be a leader on the floor, marshalling votes on key leadership issues and making sure that members have a full understanding of legislation.

This role also entails working closely with members so that leadership understands what issues are vital to them and to their constituen-

cies. Finally, it will be part of my job to speak directly to these constituencies by traveling around the state and addressing groups about the issues before the Senate.

My most important task will be to work closely with the President to set priorities for the Senate. We work to improve the lives of citizens across the state with initiatives increase the minimum wage, fully fund education reform, and protect the privacy of every individual's genetic test results.

But, I will also apprise President Birmingham of our special needs in the western part of the state. The Birmingham leadership team is well aware that many good ideas begin in the west and travel east.

I know that these additional duties are going to require a great deal of time and effort, but I believe that it will be worth it. My goal is to improve the lives of every citizen of the Commonwealth while never forgetting that I owe my ultimate loyalty and commitment to the 150,000 citizens of the Hampden District.

Thank you for helping me become Majority Leader, and I look forward to working for all of you over the next two years.

Apply Now For Next "Citizens Police Academy"

Town residents or business owners interested in attending the spring session of the Citizens Police Academy can pick up an application at the Agawam Police Station on Springfield Street.

The academy is moving to a new night and the sessions will be held on 10 consecutive Thursdays from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Police Station, beginning March 4th and ending on May 6th.

The class is limited to 15 participants. The application deadline is February 25th.

The Citizens Academy gives the class members a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement issues in 10-week sessions offered in the spring and in the fall.

In addition to participating in classroom discussions, academy members will tour the Police Station and the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center on South Westfield Street.

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Reg. Agawam Town Council Mtg. Agenda For Feb. 1, 1999

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 1/19/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
 - (a) **Resolutions**
 1. TR-99-1-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents Pertaining to the Exercise of the Town's Right of First Refusal Under Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 61A With Regard to the Property Owned by the Boglisch Realty Company Limited Partnership Which is Located at 1822 Main St., Aga., Hampden County, MA (Mayor).
7. **Report of Council Committees**
8. **Elections**
 - None.
9. **Public Hearings**
 - None.
10. **Old Business**
 - (a)
 1. TOR-98-9-An Ordinance to Add Sec. 180-14A to the Zoning Code of the Town of Agawam Relative to Delaying the Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings (Set Public Hearing Date -Suggest 2/16/99).
 2. TO-99-1-Total review of Council Rules and Regulations (Pres. Rheault)(Referred to Rules and Reg. Comm. on 1/19/99).
 3. TO-99-2-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., FH, MA
 4. TO-99-3-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., FH, MA

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Senator Linda Melconian Says Workforce Training Fund Is Now Taking Grant Requests

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce the Workforce Training Fund that the Senate established in July of 1998 is now taking grant requests. The goal of the \$18 million fund is to provide resources that allow businesses and employee organizations to train current and newly-hired employees.

The training grants, which can range from \$5,000 to \$250,000, are awarded competitively to employers, employer organizations, labor organizations, and training providers. These grants do not impose training restrictions; thus, all Massachusetts-based employees are eligible for the programs (which may last up to two years).

Melconian urges all workers to take advantage of this new state fund enacted into law last July. "Training workers is essential in producing a qualified workforce and endowing workers with the skills and tools necessary to be productive in their various businesses," she stated. "This fund will provide applicants with resources that they

can invest in the workforce and which, in turn, can maintain the strength and viability of the Commonwealth's businesses. The result will be job retention, job growth, and increased wages."

Application packets are available through the Division of Employment and Training at 1-800-252-1591, and the Massachusetts Office of Business Development and Regional Employment Boards. Information and application forms are also available on the Internet at www.detma.org/workforce.

The deadline for the first round of applications is 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 1999, and the second round is at 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 1999.

"I hope many workers will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity," stated Melconian. She also urges applicants from her district to let her office know when they apply, and to contact her if she can be of any assistance to them throughout the application process.

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A Familiar And Friendly Face...

Pharmacist Ray Provost Still Loves His Work After 38 Years In The Profession

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

Ray Provost, a familiar and friendly face at CVS on Springfield Street in Agawam, has been in the field of pharmacy since 1961 and still enjoys it. He earned his bachelor of science in pharmacy from a four-year program at Hampden College of Pharmacy, founded by Dr. Joseph Gagne, who presided there and operated it as a private college. This later became a part of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

That school is now affiliated with Western New England's School of Pharmacy, and after the first three years there, a student can transfer to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, which is near Massachusetts General in Boston.

After Ray graduated, his first job, by coincidence, was with one of his professors at King's Pharmacy on the corner of White Street and Sumner Ave. in Springfield. He stayed with this job for six or seven years he recalls, and then began working at Montcalm Pharmacy in Indian Orchard for approximately eight years. He married in 1963 and he and his wife have raised three boys.

Ray bought his own pharmacy, Hyland's Pharmacy, on the corner of Carew and Armory Streets in Springfield, and continued with this business for about 11 years, until a fire burned the entire corner (he remembers that this happened on Groundhog Day 1985). There were other businesses on this corner, too, including a small variety store, a dry cleaner, and two hairdressing salons.

Considering the severity of the fire, Ray credited the Springfield Fire Department for their quick response. Although there was smoke and water damage to his files, he felt thankful that it

was possible to salvage them. CVS bought these files, legible in spite of the ordeal, and Ray began working there.

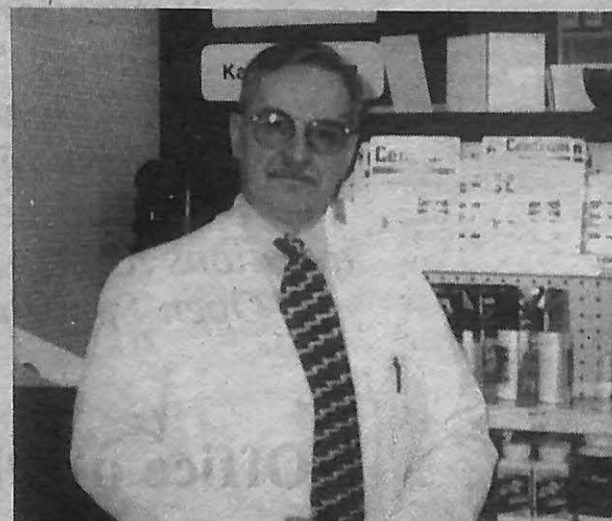
There are customers from his earlier years who still recognize him at CVS in Agawam and reminisce, and Ray still asks about other former customers if he sees someone related or acquainted with them. It is evident when busy with his work, he is as fascinated and engrossed today as he was when he first began as a youngster.

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Ray always wanted to be a doctor, but it was out of his means, and pharmacy seemed like an equally good way to help people. He grew up on Holyoke and worked for his uncle, who owned Hebert's Pharmacy on Center Street. Ray looked at this work as a good way to be of service. In choosing a career, money always was a factor, but the aspect of working in something meaningful seemed more important. "I never regretted the choice," he told us.

Once, when Ray owned his own store, a "hair-raising" occurrence of being robbed stands out in his memory. It was close to closing time, about 8:55 p.m., and just one clerk was there with him. Two men walked in with ski masks over their faces. Their revolvers were in plain sight and they wanted all the narcotics. Provost turned over the narcotics and money, having realized long before this that human lives were much more important and valuable.

Fortunately, no one got hurt, and the two men were caught because it happened that the police were investigating a bank robbery and apparently these two men were suspects. When their houses were searched, the incriminating bottles with the



RAY PROVOST

Hyland labels were found.

Another robbery occurred there nearly 20 years ago. Ray recalls that it was raining so hard that day that the kids were let out of school early, which he believes was very lucky, for under normal circumstances, they would have been visiting his store.

About the same time that a tornado was striking parts of Agawam, a man in a raincoat walked into Ray's pharmacy and pulled out a Magnum. He tied up the sole clerk, took the phone off the wall, and demanded all the narcotics. More terrifying...

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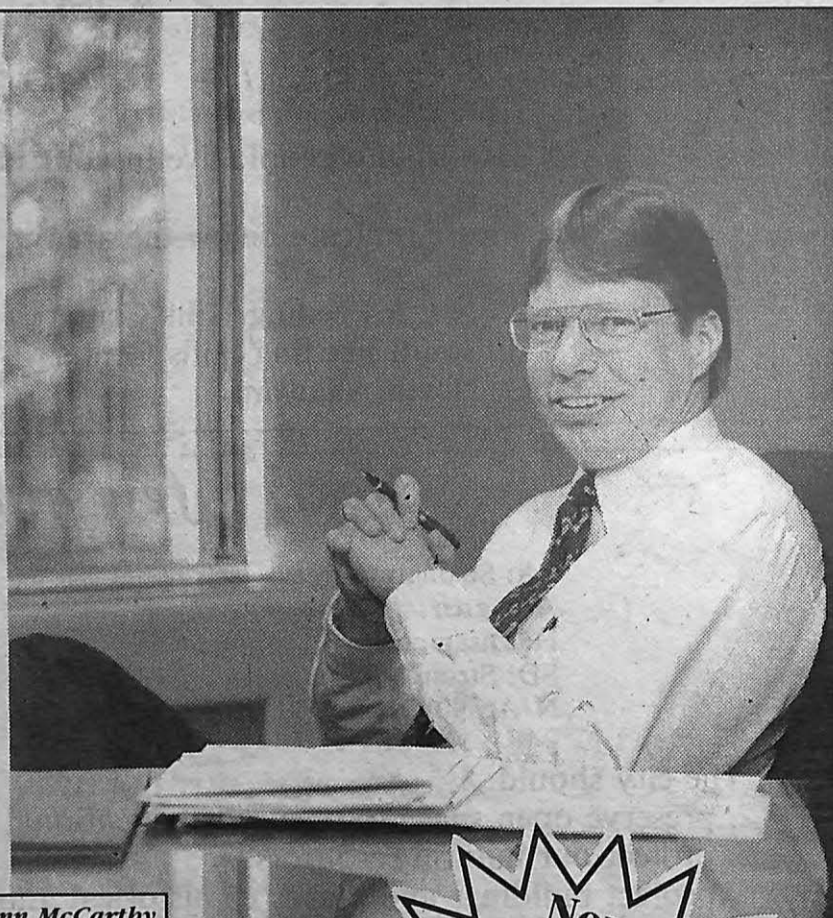
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AGAWAM OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION SURVEY

The Town of Agawam is updating its 1994 Open Space and Recreation Plan. "Open Space" is defined in the 1994 plan as "land that is left undeveloped in its natural state." Open space is most commonly used for active and passive recreation and also helps the town balance its conservation needs. Please take the time to answer the following questions to help us incorporate your opinion into the revision of the Open Space and Recreation plan. Thank you for your help.

Please return surveys to:

**Office of Planning and Community Development
36 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001**

First we would like to Get To Know You

1. How many years have you lived in Agawam?

2. Do you: own? _____ or rent? _____

3. Please indicate your age below:

- | | |
|----------|----------------|
| A. 0-4 | D. 30-39 |
| B. 5-19 | E. 40-59 |
| C. 20-29 | F. 60 and over |

4. How many people live in your household? _____

5. Please indicate below the area in which you live:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| A. North Feeding Hills Center | D. Industrial Area (Silver St./Suffield St./Shoemaker Ln.) |
| B. South Feeding Hills Center | E. Springfield Street Area |
| C. North Agawam | F. Main Street and River Road Area |

Next, a few questions about Open Space

SA: Strongly Agree
A: Agree
D: Disagree
SD: Strongly Disagree
N/A: No Opinion

*(Please circle
your answer)*

6. The city should...

- | | | | | | |
|---|----|---|---|----|-----|
| ...preserve open space to meet our recreational needs? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...protect our natural resources? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...protect buildings and places of historical and local significance? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...protect farmland in Agawam? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...enhance access and information on open spaces? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...promote existing recreational and open spaces in town? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...focus on acquiring additional open space and conservation land? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |
| ...concentrate on the management of existing open spaces? | SA | A | D | SD | N/A |

7. To preserve Open Spaces, Agawam should:

(Circle as many that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| A. purchase land with local tax revenue? | D. strengthen zoning? |
| B. accept donated land? | E. strengthen wetland and flood plain regulations? |
| C. apply for grants to fund land purchases? | F. Other _____ |

Now if you could answer the following Recreation questions

SA: Strongly Agree
A: Agree
D: Disagree
SD: Strongly Disagree
N/A: No Opinion

(Please circle
your answer)

8. I am satisfied with...					
...the places for children to play and recreate in our town?	SA	A	D	SD	N/A
...the proximity of recreational facilities to your area?	SA	A	D	SD	N/A
...recreational opportunities and facilities for adults in town?	SA	A	D	SD	N/A
...the number of facilities in Agawam?	SA	A	D	SD	N/A
...the quality of our recreational facilities?	SA	A	D	SD	N/A

9. Please circle the top five recreational facilities you feel are important.

- A. fields for soccer, baseball and football

B. hiking and skiing trails

C. local neighborhood parks

D. children's play areas

E. large parks

F. ice skating rinks

G. public access to water bodies for boating
- H. golf courses

I. family picnic areas

J. recreation center building

K. conservation areas

L. swimming pools

M. bike trails

N. Other _____

Finally, just a couple of General Questions

(Please circle one answer for each question)

10. Agawam is a community under pressure from development?	Yes	No
11. Agawam needs to protect more potentially developable land?	Yes	No
12. Agawam should encourage more development?	Yes	No
13. The city needs to identify a historic district?	Yes	No
14. The city needs more land zoned for commerical and industrial use?	Yes	No
15. Parks and Open Space adequately meet my needs in Agawam?	Yes	No
16. Agawam needs a public recreational center?	Yes	No
17. Agawam should develop a master plan to guide future growth?	Yes	No

Are there any additional issues you feel are important to the update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan? If so, please take the space provided below to add your comments. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the survey or project, please call (413) 786-0400 Ext. 283.

DEADLINE FOR RETURN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1999

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ing, he didn't leave. He paced around the aisles, then told Ray to lie down and not to look up "or else."

When this frightening person finally left, Ray untied his employee and called the police, and he felt very grateful for their quick response. Further, the police brought them to the station, and artist sketches were drawn according to each of their descriptions of the intruder. Later, the police brought photos of suspects to them, and both Ray and his clerk chose the same face, even though they were asked to view the photos in separate rooms. The criminal was convicted and was sent back to jail.

Provost believes his most unusual experience was selling an instant lottery ticket to one of his own clerks that yielded \$200,000! And the most rewarding moments are when he runs into someone and they say, "Oh, you used to be my pharmacist." He becomes attached to his customers, and although he misses the people who used to frequent his store, he finds that his Agawam customers and co-workers make up for the turn of events.

Mentoring A Rewarding Aspect

The opportunity to mentor interns at Agawam CVS is another rewarding aspect of the work he

has been doing. An intern must work a certain number of hours in a pharmacy, and today's curriculum includes working in a hospital as well. A pharmacist who mentors is called a "preceptor." Ray wrote a letter to the Board of Pharmacy asking to be a preceptor, and he was approved.

By formal agreement between the college, the preceptor, the intern, the store, and the Board of Pharmacy, an agreement is made to participate in this part of the student's training, but if any variations take place, such as a transfer by the pharmacist or the intern, a new contract must be started "from scratch."

The biggest difference Ray observes in pharmacy from years ago is the amount of drugs available now. For example, when he started, there were from 6 to 12 antibiotics. Now, there are hundreds. Medications for high blood pressure at the start of his career could be counted on one hand, but now there are so many they can hardly be counted at all, he noted.

Another noticeable change is in patients, according to him. In the past, patients were afraid to talk to doctors, but now there is much more interaction and communication between doctors and patients. People are better educated, which results in more questions. People are becoming aware of the importance of taking charge of their own health.

Ray remembers a course from his years of

enrollment called "pharmacognosy," which was the study of different drugs that came from plants and how they are used. Not many drugs were synthetic in his beginning years, but many of today's medicines are synthesized. The drugs on the market now have fewer side effects and are safer, because of research and guidelines in obtaining FDA approval, Ray said. He has seen an evolution in the methods of the Food and Drug Administration. They have stricter regulations, especially with regard to pharmaceuticals.

Most people who visit CVS know Ray Provost. Efficient and helpful, he is also friendly, informative, and it is evident that the work he does holds his wonder and interest. He goes beyond the call of duty, answering questions or suggesting ways to get more information or help from medical resources. Whatever it takes to serve the customer, Ray Provost can be counted on to follow through.

Karen Manning, another pharmacist who alternates at CVS, describes Ray as "accessible to customers, friendly, and easy-going." Angela Beaudry, a co-worker since 1989, describes Ray as "down-to-earth, a very caring person."

After 38 years, plus the time he worked for his uncle, Ray Provost's dedication to his career are proof that there are people who find and follow their true calling in life.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner For Jan. 30th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on January 30th.

Dinner consists of roast beef and gravy, mashed potato, tossed salad, vegetable, bread and butter, dessert, and beverage. Servings are from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7.25, children under 12 are \$4, and children under five are free.

Reservations are appreciated. Call 786-8743. Walk-ins are welcome.

ADVERTISER NEWS

O.F. To Sponsor Annual Oldies Dance

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is holding its 12th Annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, February 6th.

The dance will be held at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from

8:00 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by D.J. "Dancing Dave."

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Heritage Hall West Celebrates First Anniversary Of Adult Day Center

On Wednesday, January 20th, residents, staff, family, and friends celebrated the first anniversary of the Heritage Hall West Adult Day Center.

The Day Center is an innovative twist on a familiar community program, implementing the concept of an external community adult day program internally into the nursing center setting. This creates a social model of caring for customers at Genesis ElderCare.

Customers attend the Day Center programs held in the D Wing solarium Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program is run by Penny Schebel, the primary CNA, with assistance from employee and community volunteers.

One of the most innovative concepts of the Day Center program is the opportunity for Heritage Hall employees to volunteer up to an hour a week during their shift to participate in the activities. Several employees have designed their own activities. Customers enjoy their own unique, individualized programming, which is planned to stimulate them physically and mentally.

Examples of activities include:

- Family dining; all the customers eat at one large table family style, serving one another and conversing in a natural homelike setting with their own special set of dishware.
- Outside activities: walks, hanging bird feeders, gardening, parachute games.
- Crafts: sand art, designing a logo and decorating their own t-shirts and hats, sewing



SUE LABRECQUE, PENNY SCHEBEL, and GUTI SLICER at the Heritage Hall West Adult Day Center's first anniversary celebration. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas tree skirts, and making quilts.

- Weekly intergenerational activities with a visiting elementary school, a summer camp for employees' children.

The Day Center has grown from a handful of D Wing customers to accommodate a "guest list" of customers from other units in the Center. The D Wing staff have embraced the Day Center philosophy of providing a social model of care by implementing family style dining for all customers who eat lunch in the D Wing solarium.

This has increased the sense of community and well-being to include all customers who live on that unit. Future plans include expansion of the program into the evening hours.

The Day Center has truly succeeded in transforming the culture of Heritage Hall West, more than any of the original team members could have realized when they began planning the program in the fall of 1997.

Team members included Dr. Mark Levy, Medical Director; Maureen Ellis, Director of Nursing; Penny Schebel, CNA; Scott Minor, Food Service Supervisor; Ann Roberts, D Wing Unit Manager; Wraye Dugundji, Staff Development; Kim George, Director of Volunteer Services; Tracey Tristany, Medical Records; Housekeeping, and Recreation Services.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Day Center, please contact Kim George at 786-8000, extension 217.

Masonic Lodge To Hold Monthly Breakfasts On Sunday Mornings

Sunday breakfast (all-you-can-eat) on January 31st and continuing on every last Sunday of each month, will be served from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Masonic Lodge Building, 53 River St. (just over the Veterans' Bridge between Agawam and West Springfield).

This breakfast, open to all, is being conducted as a special Masonic awareness event. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, home-fried potatoes, homemade biscuits, coffee, etc. The cost is \$4 per person, \$2.50 for children. Elm-Belcher Lodge is conducting this event as part of their Masonic awareness program.

A program that included the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program on Route 57 during the summer months and a CHIPS program for children's identification.

The members of Elm-Belcher Lodge are very active in the Masonic Blood Donor program. Over the years, they have received several citations for being top blood donors in the Greater Springfield area.

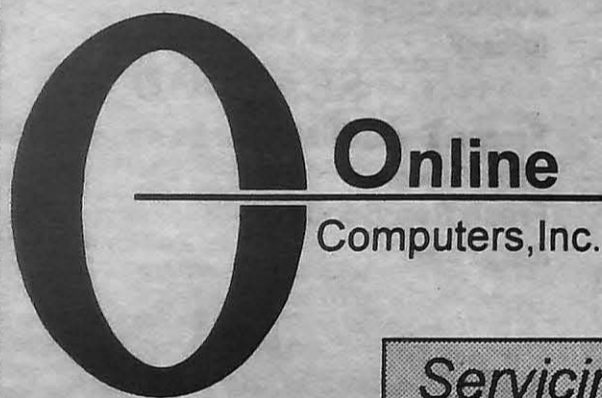
More information concerning the activities are shown on the Elm-Lodge web site at the following address: <http://www.masslodges.org>.

Wilbraham Women's Club Slates Mtg. For February 11th

The Wilbraham Women's Club will meet at 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 11th, in the Fellowship Hall at the Wilbraham United Church.

A review will be presented by the Golden Girls of the American Classics Club. Each one of the women performing that day have appeared in the pageant during which Ms. Senior Massachusetts was selected.

Several of the past Ms. Senior Massachusetts will be performing along with the current winner, Madeline Flanagan of Wilbraham.



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February Calendar Of Events For Golden Age Club (Chapter 1)

Friday, February 5th: Board of Directors' meeting at Senior Center (1:00 p.m.).

Wednesday, February 10th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. A mid-winter raffle of Fran Fern's special gift afghan and other gift items.

Wednesday, February 24th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Program for the afternoon will be gift bingo.

Here's a "reminder" to renew your 1999 membership.

Bargain Books for the "thrifty" are on sale now. See Helen Rogers.

Golden Age Club's (Chapter 2) Calendar Of February Events

February 3rd: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Attorney Alfred Casella will be speaking on senior legal subjects.

February 14th: Bus trip to White's Restaurant. Dinner and Valentine Party.

February 17th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Entertainment will be provided by banjo player Ray Gelinis.

February 22nd: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

February 26th: Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Kids' Valentine Prog. At The Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages 3½ and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, February 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to make Valentine greetings for your favorite people.

Please sign up by Friday, February 12th, by calling 789-1550 or visiting the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Winter Schedule At American Academy Of Ballroom Dance

The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, Inc., located at 33 Russo Circle, Agawam, has announced its winter schedule of activities (January through March).

* EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Group Classes & Dance Party: Starting at 7:30 with two group classes, followed by open dancing from 9:00 to 10:00. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Admission is \$10 per person. Come with or without a partner. Call the Academy at 786-5125 for further information.

* EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

Group Classes & Dance Party: Admission is \$15 and includes two social group classes from 7:30 to 9:00, with open dancing to follow from 9:00 to 11:30. Light buffet and beverages will be served. Come with or without a partner. Call the Academy at 786-5125 for further information.

Agawam Friendly Travelers Have Trip To Branson, Missouri

Join the Agawam Friendly Travelers of the Agawam Senior Center as they take a trip to Branson, Missouri, this spring for five days, April 18th-22nd.

This travel package will include: airport transfer to Bradley International; round-trip airfare; deluxe round-trip motorcoach in Missouri; four nights accommodation at the Grand Oaks Hotel; eight meals (four breakfasts and four dinners); seven shows; a tour of the Branson area; outlet shopping; all taxes and gratuities; and luggage-handling (one bag per person).

For further information, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or stop by the "Friends" desk at the Agawam Senior Center.

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10 Lb. Bag	\$19.90
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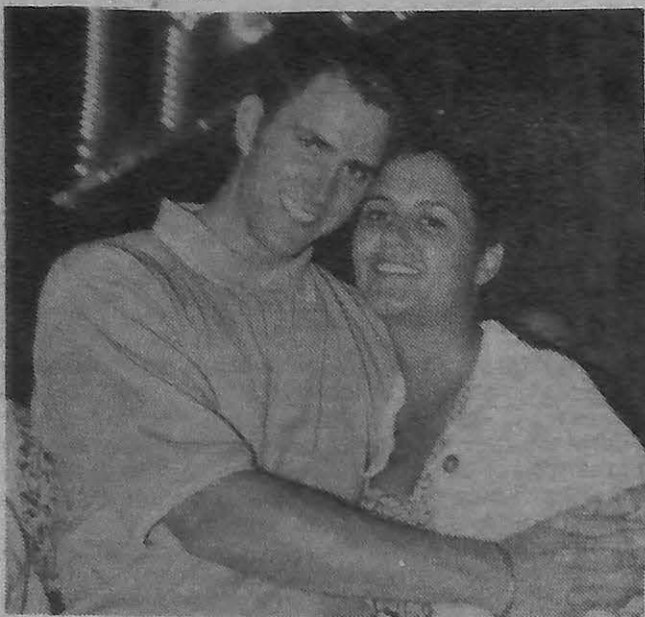
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Ana and Ben were engaged while vacationing in Portugal this past summer. Both are graduates of Western New England College, where they met at freshman orientation six years ago.

The wedding will take place this coming November.

Local American Legion Aux. Offers Girl Scout Achievement Award

The Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary Unit announces a Girl Scout Achievement Award. The winner will receive a trip to Anaheim, CA, to receive the \$1,000 scholarship at the Auxiliary's National Convention, September 3-9, 1999.

The candidate must have received the Girl Scout Gold Award, be an active member of her religious institution, and must have received the appropriate religious emblem, Cadette or Senior level. She must also have demonstrated practical citizenship in her religious institution, school, Girl Scouting, and community.

Interested parties should contact Mary Gallant, Scholarship Committee, at 786-3959; Kristine Henson, Juniors Committee, at 786-6568; or the Post at 786-4806. The applicant must submit at least four letters of recommendation and testimony with the nomination application, with one letter from each of the following group leaders: religious institution, school, community, and scouting.

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Local K Of C Earns International Recognition

Knights of Columbus Council 5585 of Agawam is a winner of the Columbian and Founders' Awards for the 1997-98 fraternal year.

The Columbian Award is presented for excellence in the sponsorship of programs that serve families, Church, youth, and community, as well as council members. The Founders' Award is given for outstanding promotion of the organization's fraternal insurance program.

The announcement was made by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut. District Deputy John G. Rohan presented the engraved plaque award to the council at a special ceremony held on January 12th.

Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, president of the international organization, in recognizing the local winner, said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved."

"At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the Order."

In accepting the award, Grand Knight Frank Meagher, head of the local group, said, "Receiving this award is quite an honor. We're very pleased with this accomplishment."

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with nearly 1.6 million dues-paying members worldwide. In 1997, they gave more than 50.2 million hours of volunteer service and donated \$107.1 million to charitable and benevolent causes.

Dogsled Demo To Be Held On February 1st At Agawam Library

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Monday, February 1st, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and meet Mike Santos, a local musher.

Mike will be bringing a dog or two, and demonstrating the uses of his gear (from his clothing to his sled). He has been training and racing sled dogs for 11 years.

Registration for this program is a must! Please call 789-1550 or visit the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

*Our deadline
is each Tuesday
at 12:00 noon;
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appreciate any
articles, press
releases, etc.,
that can be
brought in on
Mondays...*

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 1st: Vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, breadsticks, pears.

Tuesday, February 2nd: Birthday cake, pork chops, mashed potatoes, pears, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, February 3rd: Meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rye bread, ice cream.

Thursday, February 4th: Strip steak with gravy, buttered noodles, tossed salad, oat bread, plums.

Friday, February 5th: Baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Dinner Dance This Saturday...

Exposition Area Scholarship Fund Marks Its 42nd Year

Thanks to the vision of dozens of "Deadline Gang" members who had a small surplus of money from their reunion, the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund was formed. By the end of this century, the scholarship fund will have awarded over \$300,000 in financial assistance to college-bound youngsters.

To be eligible for the scholarship, your parents or grandparents had to have been born or resided in the Exposition area. You are also eligible if your parents or grandparents played hockey or baseball for any of the various teams in the area. Due to the dedication of many individuals, the scholarship fund has endured for the past 42 years.

This Saturday, January 30th, the fund's Annual Dinner Dance will take place at the Dante Club in West Springfield. Tickets are available by calling Dave Touhey at 746-1239 or Mark Navone at 781-2324.

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UNICO Donates To Kamp For Kids...



ON BEHALF OF KAMP FOR KIDS, Kamp Director Debby Clarke (second from the right) accepts a donation from Agawam UNICO at its first meeting of the new year at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. At the meeting, Clarke (who has been with Kamp For Kids for over 10 years) gave a brief presentation on how the Kamp has helped many handicapped children in the community. Pictured with Clarke are UNICO members (from left) Renso Frigo, Dennis Marchetto, and Joe Conte, Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Decorating For A "Tropical Getaway"...



MAKING DECORATIONS FOR A "Tropical Getaway" are Katie Lopez, Nikki Bisiniere, Kerry Malmberg, and Keila Boyanilla from the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club. "Tropical Getaway" is the theme for the club's 19th Annual Fantasia Ball, which is being held on February 6th at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel and Conference Center in West Springfield. For information and tickets, contact the club at 736-1831.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Installs Officers At Banquet

On January 8th, the Agawam Junior Women's Club installed its newly-elected board members at its annual banquet, which was held at Alexander's Restaurant in Agawam.

Members of the governing body for the coming year are Cindy Sanford-Taylor, president; Laura Paul, 2nd vice president (membership); Theresa Conklin, treasurer; Mary O'Connell, recording secretary; Betty Verson, corresponding secretary.

Directors are Dee Adam & Wendy Lieberman, Ways & Means; Stephanie Bertagnolli, Newsletter; Laura Lapierre, Publicity; and Wilma Gillan, Hospitality.

Federations are being chaired by the following members: Diane Graveline, Art; Natalia Clifton, Conservation; Pat Belisle, Education; Karen Cree & Rose Sharpe, Home Life; Sue Godfrey, International Affairs; and Liz Taylor, Public Affairs.

Some of the past activities included the Spelling Bee, Arts & Craft Fair; Safety Bug Program; Breakfast With Santa; and the Holiday Basket Program.

Anyone who is interested in the club or who is looking for a way to help your community is welcome to come to our meetings. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

TAG SALE

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a huge tag sale on Saturday, February 6th.

The tag sale will feature a Valentine's Day theme, with many gifts for sale for your favorite Valentine. Along with the regular tag sale items, there will be a bake sale, coffee and donuts, grab bags, and a raffle.

Come and enjoy a day with the athletes. Join in on the raffle, have a coffee and donuts, and explore the bake sale table and the many tag sale items that will be for sale.

TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun on Wednesday, February 10th.

The price will be \$16 and will include gratuities. Mohegan Sun will be offering a meal ticket for \$10 and a \$10 "free play" on the Big 6 wheel.

We are looking forward to a full bus and a day of fun with our friends. To obtain a ticket, call Edie Chiba at 786-5539, Vi Presz at 786-3164, or pick one up at the Agawam Senior Center.

All tickets must be paid for two weeks before the trip, or we reserve the right to resell your ticket.

Beef Burgundy Dinner At The Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Beef Burgundy Dinner at the Club on Friday evening, February 5th, from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

The menu will include beef burgundy & noodles, vegetable medley, rolls and butter, dessert, and coffee.

Tickets are \$8 for members and \$9 for guests. Reservations must be made by February 3rd. Please call Erna Wedemeyer at 592-4218 or at the Club at 786-0924.

This dinner is sponsored by the Baers and Blackbirds Section of the Club and they extend a warm welcome to all their friends in the area.

Wilbraham Garden Club To Meet On Thursday, Feb. 4th

The Wilbraham Garden Club will meet on Thursday, February 4th, at 12:00 noon in the Brooks Room of the Wilbraham Public Library.

Barbara Bosworth, a member of the Wilbraham Garden Club, will show videos which she produced from three Wilbraham Garden Club flower shows.

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Church News

“Oh, Boy — What A Spicy Meatball!!!”



ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD, Agawam Congregational Church in Agawam Center held a meatball supper. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Matt Blackak, Ed Judkins, Joan Presz, Ellen Levanos, and Deb Markham. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Faith Bible Church In Agawam Hosting Year-Long Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled “The End Times.”

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

Discussions will include eschatology, significant current events that point to us on a Biblical timeline, and what the new millennium is going to bring according to Scripture.

These issues need to be recognized, understood, and prayed over. As a Christian family, we need to be equipped to respond to every opportunity crisis may bring!

All are not only welcome, but urged to attend. Classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 9:00 p.m. Please call 786-1681 if nursery provisions would enable you to attend.

Agawam Catholic Women's Club To Meet February 8th

Dr. Dietrich Schlobohm of West Springfield, an environmental historian who teaches at Springfield College, will be a guest of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam following their meeting of February 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the social center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, Agawam.

Dr. Schlobohm will talk about native Americans who lived in this area 500 years ago, specifically the Agawam, Woronoco, Nonotuck, Pocumtuck, and Squakheag peoples (all branches of the Algonquin tribe).

His presentation will include how these native Americans lived before the Europeans came to this area, and the result of that contact. Forty years later, he says, most of the Indians had left because of war and disease.

Martha Jerry is program chairman for the evening. Pauline Paquette and Jane Schmidt are in charge of refreshments, assisted by a large committee.

St. David's Church To Host Pot Roast Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, potatoes au gratin, garden salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet Feb. 5th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, February 5th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Where can I go from
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can I flee from Your
presence?
—Psalm 139:7

Francis Thompson wrote a gripping poem that he called “The Hound of Heaven.” It reflected the torture of his life during the years he was running from God. At one time he had intended to be a priest but was deemed unqualified. Then he turned to his father's medical profession but failed again. Angry and bitter, Thompson gave up on God.

From 1885 to 1888 he lived the life of a derelict on the streets of London, suffering the agony of an opium habit. Finally some friends snatched him from the pit of death and brought him to the God he had dreaded.

Thompson was gloriously converted. His poem is his testimony. As the hound pursues the hare, ever drawing nearer in the chase, so God pursues the fleeing soul.

No matter how far you've run from God, the “Hound of Heaven” is still chasing you. Just when you think you've eluded Him, you'll discover that He's still there. David, who wrote Psalm 139, knew he could not flee from God's presence.

We sense His presence everywhere. It may be through the patience of a spouse, or the warm embrace of a friend when we expected to be shunned. But God is there.

It's tiring to run from God. Perhaps you sense that He's pursuing you. If you do, it's time to stop running. —HWR

*Relentless quest, this race for happiness;
Vain footsteps echo 'gainst a hollow soul;
What peace to cease—exchange our chase for God's
Relentless love that never lets us go! —Gustafson*

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The Heart And Mind Of God...

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that when Jesus began His public ministry, His message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." For some people, such a message might be discomfiting. Such people have heard that they are wicked sinners in the hands of an angry God.

If people think that God views them as being utterly depraved, who are merely being tolerated by the benevolence of the Divine Being, it's hardly surprising that Jesus' message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near," would sound like a death knell from which they would shrink away in horror.

However, the word "gospel" means "good news." In order to understand why the message of Jesus is good news, we need to get a proper understanding of God's heart and mind toward us. A good way to do that is to look at Psalm 139:1-18.

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways."

God knows all about us, because He is interested in each of us. He takes the time to know who we are, what we do, and where we go. He doesn't have to spend His time and energy this way; after all, He could simply inform Himself about us. But He chooses to search us and know us that way, because He delights in us.

"You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me." God watches over His people, and limits the things which happen to us. The Bible assures us that **God is faithful, and He will**

not let you be tested beyond your strength. Anecdotal evidence suggests that God has a higher opinion of our strength than we sometimes do.

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there."

There is no place where God isn't. We are never far from God. In these days of voice mail and busy signals, it's comforting to know we can always find God when we need Him.

"If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me becomes night,' even the darkness is not dark to You." There's no point in trying to hide our sins from God; He already knows all about it. We cannot shock nor surprise God by our behavior. Nonetheless, He loves each and every one of us.

"For it was You who formed my inward parts, You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We were created by God as an act of His love. Knowing that we were made by God in love is one of the best reasons not to destroy our lives with deviant behavior.

We are wonderfully made! God doesn't make junk. Since He made us, we're not junk, no matter what we feel like or what somebody else tells us.

"Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well. In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as of yet existed."

God has a great plan for our lives, for every person. It's a better plan than what we could come up with ourselves.

"How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! I try to count them, they are more than the sand."

The God who knows us through and through and loves us more than words can express desires to be known by the people He made. In truth, we can never fully know God; He is too vast. Even a lifetime is not enough time to know God completely, but it's a worthwhile endeavor.

Wouldn't it make sense to get to know God better, since He has made the effort to know us? **Repent, for the Kingdom of God has come near.**

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, January 31st, is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

At Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Living the Good News," taken from Text: Micah 6:1-8. The Children's Message, "God's Wisdom," will be given by Lindylee Davis and Jewel.

Please join us at the 10:30 Worship Service.

The Heifer Project continues through February 14th, when money collected will be dedicated. Adults who wish to participate in this project may pick up an "Ark" on the table in the Narthex.

To help increase donations, there will be a "Guess the Amount of Candy in the Jar" contest, and raffle tickets for three wonderful prizes will be sold in Bryan Hall following Worship Service at the Coffee Hour.

The Heifer Project International is a worldwide organization that began following World War II to assist farmers to increase their livestock. Today, money collected is used to purchase cows, sheep, rabbits, chickens, bees, and other small farm animals for the United States and other countries.

If you would like to donate money to this project, please send it to the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attention Heifer Project).

There will be a Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Video Night this Sunday, January 31st, held in the Youth Room from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All Jr./Sr. youth are invited to attend.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The Friendship Committee is sponsoring a Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, February 7th, at 5:00 p.m.

People with last names from A-M are asked to bring a main dish, and N-Z are requested to bring a salad. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the Friendship Committee.

The entertainment for the night will be a Talent Show under the direction of Tammy Washburn, Youth Advisor.

For more information about the Supper or Talent Show, call the Church Office at 786-7111.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special service as we begin our Lenten journey.

This Week's Events At First Baptist Church

"Charting Your Course" will be the subject of Pastor Richard Barnes' message at the 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday. Proverbs 3:5-6 will serve as the scriptural text. Joanna Aversa will lead the responsive reading.

Coinciding with Super Bowl Sunday, members of the Senior Youth group will be stationed at the exits to the sanctuary to receive donations, collected in their "Soup Bowls," for Horizon House, a local ministry.

Following worship, a social time will be held in Davis Hall. Then, classes for all ages will be held. Nursery care is provided.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Deacons at 7:00 p.m. in Lockhart Parlor.

You are invited to attend services at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets,

an American Baptist Church.

Coming up this week on our calendar:

Monday, February 1st: 7:00 p.m., Sunshine Circle; 7:00 p.m., Men's Group; 7:30 p.m., Sister to Sister; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle.

Tuesday, February 2nd: 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, February 3rd: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, February 4th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

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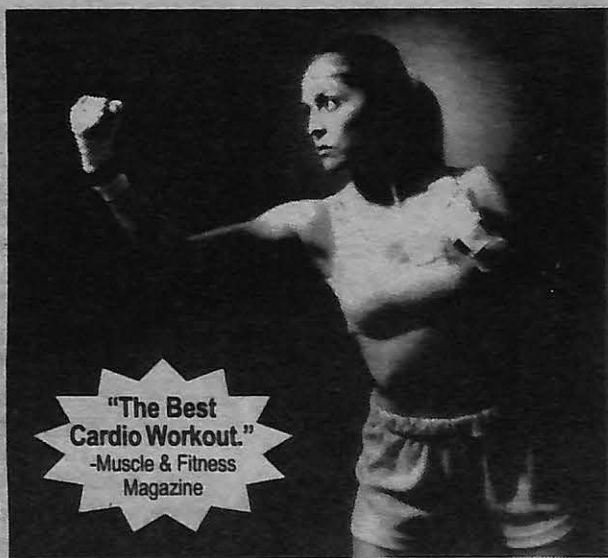
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Church News - continued...**Faith Bible Church
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Public To Its Services**

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, continues to grow in quality of Church life, outreach, and attendance!

* Sunday morning attendance is climbing steadily.

* Tuesday evening Eschatology class (study of the end times) is rapidly growing. Be ye ready for the year 2000.

* Wednesday evening prayer and service offers a blend of prayerful interaction and preaching.

* Friday evening youth group offers a wide variety of activities and events centering around devotions.

* Area outreaches have touched many lives and produced much fruit.

* Within the last year, there have been many professions of salvation as well as baptisms.

* Within the last year, there have been 15 families who've sought membership in the church, and more are scheduled to join soon.

When asked what he attributes the vibrancy and growth to, Pastor James Jasmin offers this "bottom line" answer:

"People struggle with needs, and we are there to help wanting nothing in return. Folks like what we have to offer and the way we do so. They experience the love of God in a real way, and want to become part of that expression themselves. God alone is glorified ... we really enjoy doing His work!"

Service times are:

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Church, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Eschatology Class, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Prayer Service, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday - 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Prayer Times: Saturday, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.; Sunday, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.; and Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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**Parish News And
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The millennium is upon us, and St. John's parish community is getting prepared to have a series of ongoing events throughout 1999 and 2000.

Please think about getting involved with planning and participating in these events. We will keep you aware of when the next millennium meeting will take place in February.

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

The February 4th meeting will be an "Afternoon at the Movies."

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in joining should call Frank, 789-2764, or Kay, 786-8442.

January 31st: Super Bowl and Card Party. Call Kay, 786-8442.

February 6th: Falcons game. Call Joanne, 786-1583.

February 11th: Monthly meeting. Speaker will be Jeffrey Duquette, who'll present a video on his visit to Medjugorje.

February 12th: Singles Dance/Adelfias. \$8. Call Kay, 786-8442.

BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday morning. Interested? Call Annette at 786-4977.

Each Friday morning, a video presentation of Sunday's Scriptures in Parish Center after Mass. All are welcome (this is a good preparation for Sunday Mass with no homework).

FOOD AND CLOTHING DONATIONS

Food and clothing for the needy are always welcome in the Parish Center. We cannot accept other items due to lack of storage space.

WIVES TAKE NOTICE!

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February 12th at 6:00 p.m. through February 14th at 12:00 noon at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford.

For info, call Ray Provost at 786-6483.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cathedral Placement Exam — Saturday, March 6th. Call 782-5285 for an application.

**News And Notes From
F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Sunday worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Lectionary readings for January 31st, the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, are Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "When God Will Bless You." Coffee Hour will be hosted by Diane Fiejdaz.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Annual Reports will be available for members to pick up on Sunday, January 31st. Thank you to all who submitted theirs on time. A list of 1999 Officer and Committee nominations will be available also.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7th, at approximately 12:00 noon. The Board of Christian Education is in charge of a pot luck luncheon that will precede the meeting.

Operation Friendship will sponsor a Roast Beef Supper here on Saturday, February 30th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support worldwide goodwill among our youth.

On the calendar:

Saturday, January 30th: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Operation Friendship Supper.

Sunday, January 31st: 10:00 a.m., Worship/Sunday School.

Monday, February 1st: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts: 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, February 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.: 7:00 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, February 3rd: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, February 4th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

On Monday, December 7th, **Take Five Restaurant** hosted a celebration to mark 10 years in business at its Springfield Street, Feeding Hills site and is known for its generously-portioned and delicious food. **Take Five** is usually closed on Monday, but for this important hallmark, their doors were open from 6:00 p.m. until midnight.

During the six-hour celebration, over 500 people crossed the threshold to congratulate owners Peter Geanopoulos and Dennis Sabettini, and to eat and drink the always-excellent refreshments. A disc jockey provided entertainment.

Geanopoulos is the kitchen manager and Sabettini is in charge of the dining room, although they exchange or share obligations sometimes. They owned the unforgettable Mountain Laurel Restaurant in Enfield, Connecticut, and eight months after its sale, they purchased **Take Five**. Today, it is one of the most successful restaurants in the area. The parking lot is usually filled to capacity.

The soup is served in a cast-iron crock, family style, and is homemade and fresh. The salad bar offers variety and fresh produce, and all cooking is done on the premises. The meat is also cut fresh right there, including steaks or chops.

Although closed Mondays, lunch or dinner is served Tuesday through Friday; lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and dinner during the week is from 4:00 until roughly 9:15 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, dinner is from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. There are separate menus for lunch or for dinner.

Take Five can hold small receptions and the whole place can be reserved for showers or parties. There are two rooms which are separate, too, with one holding about 30 people the other holding around 40. They host many wedding rehearsal dinners, small business parties, birthday parties and dinners, or holiday activities.

Most of **Take Five Restaurant's** business, though, is a la carte. The meals are affordable to everyone, with lots to eat. Geanopoulos points out that, "There is something for everyone."

Geanopoulos added, "We have home-cooked foods, specials for luncheons. There are pot roasts, meatloaf, and corned beef and cabbage. An example of one such special is on Wednesday: prime rib with potato, vegetable, and bread for \$7.50."

The owners of **Take Five** want to thank all their patrons who have kept coming back over the years and, "We want to thank you, Agawam, for supporting us," stated Geanopoulos.

Westfield Bank & Staff Contribute To Habitat For Humanity Project

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Bank, has announced that the Bank has made a \$1,000 contribution to Greater Westfield Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

The funds will be used to help construct a new duplex to provide housing for two low-income families. Mr. Williams noted, "Home ownership benefits everyone in the community. Westfield Bank is pleased to be able to help purchase some of the materials necessary to make this dream come true."

In addition to the corporate contribution, Westfield Bank employees contributed over \$300 from a recent dress-down day. Anne Gage, Human Resource Assistant, commented at the recent check presentation, "At our monthly dress-down event, the employees of the bank make a cash contribution to the designated charity. In exchange, they are able to dress down for the day. It's a 'win-win' situation for both groups!"

According to Gary Forish, President, and Don Blair, Treasurer of the GWHFH, "Contributions like these are what we are all about — individuals and businesses coming together to assist our community. This house is an example of our differing economic, social, and religious backgrounds uniting to do God's work. The

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IN TOP PHOTO: **Take Five Restaurant's** owners with their wives - Peter & Simone Geanopoulos, and Dennis & Lois Sabettini. IN PHOTOS BELOW: Owners Peter Geanopoulos and Dennis Sabettini (left), and DJ Rob Anthony and restaurant employee Haley Lavallee (right). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...

COMMON SENSE
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Legal Memo

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**Tort****Humiliation Of Spectator By Team Mascot**

Where (1) a plaintiff brought suit alleging that she suffered both physically and emotionally as a result of being coerced by a defendant basketball team's mascot into participating in an entertainment routine during a time-out at a professional basketball exhibition game and (2) following a \$10,000 verdict, the plaintiff was granted a new trial, at which she was awarded \$50,000.

It was found that the judge did not abuse his discretion in ordering a second trial on the grounds that the verdict at the first was most likely the result of bias or compromise.

However, the plaintiff's cross-appeal was rejected, as she failed to show that the jury's award of only \$50,000 at the second trial constituted a miscarriage of justice.

The judgment was affirmed except with respect to the trial judge's award of costs to the plaintiff incurred after an offer of judgment by the defendant, as the award of such costs contravened Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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children in the homes we build are the future. We as God's people are servants of our future. The future is our obligation."

Mr. Forish also noted, "The funds contributed by the bank will be recognized by having the bank name inscribed on the carrying beam of the structure, while the employees' donation will be noted on a number of 2 x 4's used in the construction."

The site for the duplex will be at the corner of Bush Street and Holland Avenue in downtown Westfield. Family selection will be conducted in

February, with construction slated to start in mid-March.

The owners expect to be enjoying their new home in the fall — just in time for the holidays.

Anyone wishing to contribute time, talents, or treasures can contact GWHFH at (413) 564-0707.

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent community banks in the area, with assets of over \$580 million. The bank offers business banking as well as consumer accounts.

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**Travel Talk...**

by **Lori Keeley, CTC**
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The Start Of A New Year...

Now that we are in the beginning of a new year, I just wanted to thank all of the Agawam residents who have supported not only my articles every week by reading them, but for all your travel business you have given Travel Connections, LTD.

Our agency will be starting our third year in business and we are off to another great start. Many of you have either called or stopped by our office in West Springfield, and I think that's great! A business cannot survive without its community support.

I also wanted to thank *The Agawam Advertiser News* for inviting me to write articles every week. I enjoy being able to offer travel information to all of our local residents. Our lives are very busy these days, and many times just finding the time to read is a job.

So, thanks again for all your support, and I look forward to 1999.

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For copies of his photos in this edition, please contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053. Jack has all the negatives and will be glad to help you...

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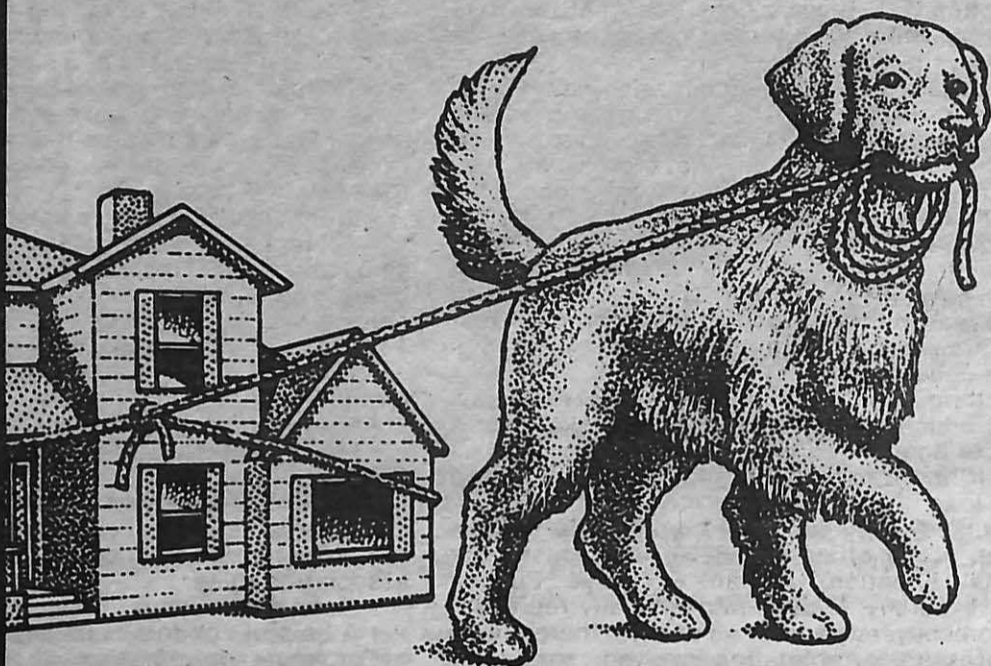
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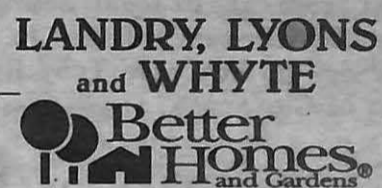
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Baking A "Super Bowl" Cake**

THE FRIENDLY FACES OF Giovanni's Italian Pastry & Coffee Shop on Main Street, Agawam Center, will be awarding a 12 X 16 inch "Super Bowl" rum cake to Joann Bourquard on Super Bowl Sunday, January 31st. The cake will feed 40. Picking the winning name from their sign-up box were Tony Russo, Teresa Russo, and Bruno Russo of Giovanni's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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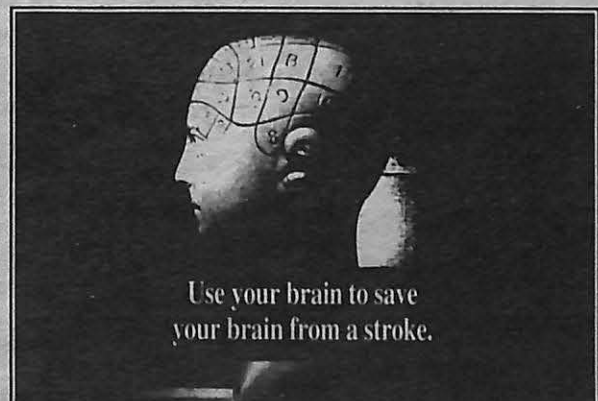
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Kiplinger's Personal Finance Report Films Area Realtor

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Report, the television division of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, recently came to Western Massachusetts to video a featured segment for Kiplinger's Forecast '99 entitled Home Buying.

Karen Charbonneau of the Agawam sales office of Stearns & Yerral had the opportunity to be the only local real estate agent interviewed about the outlook of home buying in 1999, trends in the local real estate market as well as the process of educating buyers in the purchase of a home.

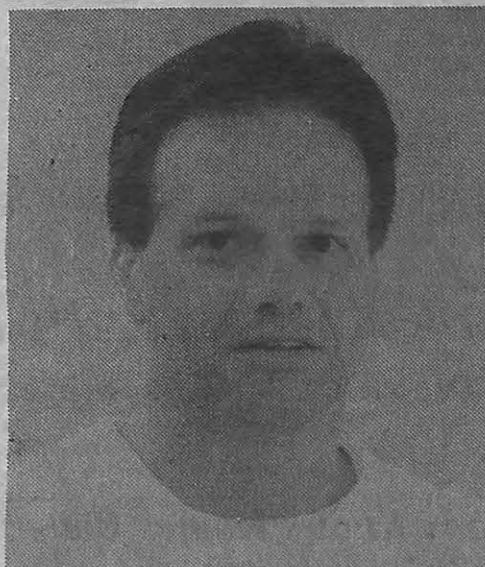
She was also videotaped working with a couple looking to build a home in Southwick. The taping included Charbonneau working with the couple to access their needs in a home, viewing properties over the Multiple Listing Service, viewing a pre-existing home, and finally making an offer on a home to be built.

Charbonneau has been a real estate agent for over four years and holds the distinguished Certified Buyer Representative (CBR) designation. A resident of West Springfield, Charbonneau is also an active member of the community; she is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Women's Partnership, and the West Springfield Rotary.

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Exercise Caution This Winter...

Many patients have called our office recently with back complaints, related to the series of snowstorms and the strain of snow removal.

The **SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICES** advise you to exercise caution! Shoveling snow is one of the toughest activities that you can do to your low back. It is certainly one activity that will further injure your already weak low back.

If you are not in very good physical condition, I would advise you to give up shoveling altogether. Find a neighborhood kid who is ambitious enough to help you. Have your driveway plowed by a professional. If that is not possible and you insist on shoveling your own driveway, then condition your back for several months ahead of the snow season.

Each year, we hear about the number of heart attacks and strokes that occur as the result of overexertion. The tragedy of the fatal or near-fatal

result of an apparently healthy person from snow shoveling is rather common. Other hazards involved are even more common.

The same snow which causes heart stress, also causes dangerous stress to the discs in the spine of the shoveler. When you consider that a shovel of snow weighs from five to seven pounds, you realize the tremendous accumulative weight one has to lift to clear an area. The average driveway or walk will hold hundreds of pounds of snow.

I recommend the following rules to guard against the snow-shoveler syndrome:

1. Dress warmly, but don't bundle up so as to make it difficult and awkward for you to move naturally.

2. Use a lightweight pusher-type shovel. Spray it with Teflon so snow will not cling to it.

3. Try not to lift the snow if possible. Push it into a pile, thereby relieving spinal compression.

4. Avoid sudden twists of the torso. Move the entire body.

5. Keep your back straight when you lift. Use your legs rather than your back.

6. Work slowly.

7. If you feel tired or short of breath, stop and take a rest. Stand up straight and breathe deeply.

8. If you feel a twinge of back pain, stop completely and go inside the house, sit down and rest. If pain persists, see a doctor of chiropractic immediately. With snow, it's wiser to use the head, instead of the back.

My office helps patients with spine-related problems; those who injured their backs should seek treatment. Call 789-1369 or 789-1073 for help.

"Health Focus Club" Is Now A Monthly Activity At The Agawam Senior Center

A monthly Health Focus Club began on Thursday morning, January 28th, at the Agawam Senior Center.

The club will meet on the fourth Thursday morning of each month from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the Senior Center. Seniors are encouraged to stay for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the Agawam town nurse, Sherry Petrucci, R.N., will be available to take blood pressures and help answer medical questions.

Future dates and topics are as follows:

February 25th: Nutritional health with Linda Galarneau, dietitian and coordinator from Greater Springfield Senior Services.

March 18th: Eyesight and eye care by Baystate Senior Class.

April 22nd: Foot and feet care with a podiatrist.

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Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested parties.

The topic on February 10th is "Physical Therapy after a Stroke." The topic on February 24th is "Speech Therapy and Swallowing after a Stroke."

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, February 4th and 18th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

"Recognizing and Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning" - Lecture with Brian Sutton, M.D.: Wednesday, February 10th, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

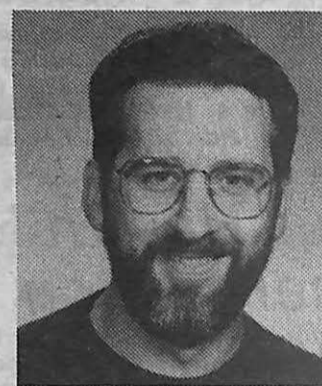
The lecture is free of charge. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

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Whether meeting with an individual, a couple or several members of a family unit, I am concerned with the individual's role in a family system. A goal of therapy is to identify current problems as they relate to a person's original family, past and/or present.

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The Ice Man Cometh!

This winter has been just incredible with all the ice. Many patients have been coming in with weather-related injuries. Of course, the number-one injury is falling on the ice.

This has caused sprains of the ligaments, strain of the muscles, spasm of the muscles, and restriction of the joint motion. This type of injury usually results in localized sharp pain.

If you fall on the ice, apply ice to the region for 10 to 15 minutes each hour. Heat will make the area feel good, but 20 minutes later the region will be even more painful.

Another problem with all of this ice is slipping without actually falling. The whole body can be affected from this type of injury. All the muscles tighten up to prevent the fall, and as a result are injured in the process.

This injury can result in sore, achy, and tight muscles. Heat can be helpful with this type of injury. Apply to muscles for 10 to 15 minutes each hour.

Several patients have come in with pain in the upper back, shoulders, arms, and wrists, as well as numbness and tingling, due to chopping the ice. The repetitive movement required to chop the ever-so-thick ice causes microtrauma to the muscles, tendons, and joints.

Try to avoid this injury by taking frequent breaks from chopping, and apply ice to the sore muscles after chopping. The numbness/tingling sensation is due to the nerves being irritated.

Lifting the ice to remove it with the shovel is also a potential situation for injury. This stuff is heavy and awkward to lift. Be sure to use the legs when lifting, keep the back straight, and keep the load on the shovel light.

We cannot prevent the ice, but prevent injuries by taking care of your spine! If you are suffering from an injury, call us today at 786-4820. Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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Fitness Tips...**Spot Reduction—
Forget About It!**

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Asst. Fitness Director, Fitness First

Spot reduction is when you start to exercise for one specific, usually small area. It is common for us to hear, "I only want to firm up the back of my arms," or, "If I could just get rid of my inner thighs, I'd be happy," or, "I'm just doing sit-ups; that's the only place I really want to lose."

Well, for the record, this does not work. I know you've heard or read this before, but we still are lured in by the idea. Resist it!

Look at you body as a whole. Let's talk about some of the common areas: the abdominal region, the inner and outer thigh, and the back of the arm.

Reduction in any of these areas is probably a good thing. There are the areas that tend to get soft or grow in size as we get older. Think about why that is and what you are doing to reduce the area.

The inner thigh, like the outer thigh, is a tiny muscle compared to some of your major muscles. Sure, you can do leg raises 'til you can't do any more, but all you are doing is strengthening and toning a small muscle that is buried under pounds of fat.

Why do these areas tend to be problems? Simple — this is where you are storing your fat. Decrease overall fat and that area will reduce. I have written articles on the abdominal muscles. They can be strong and tone and rock-hard, but if they are covered in pounds of fat, you won't know.

Should you still do these exercises? Yes — once the fat is off, you'll have a nicely sculpted muscle there. Just remember to do all the exercises, not just the one for your "spot."

Decrease overall fat with some cardio work and tone all your muscles, focusing on the bigger groups, to see some real results. Then the fat will come off.

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For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness: AMI-WM Office, 717½ Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For Adults with a Mentally Ill Relative-Agawam: Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Cancer Support Group
To Meet At Mercy
On Monday Evenings**

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

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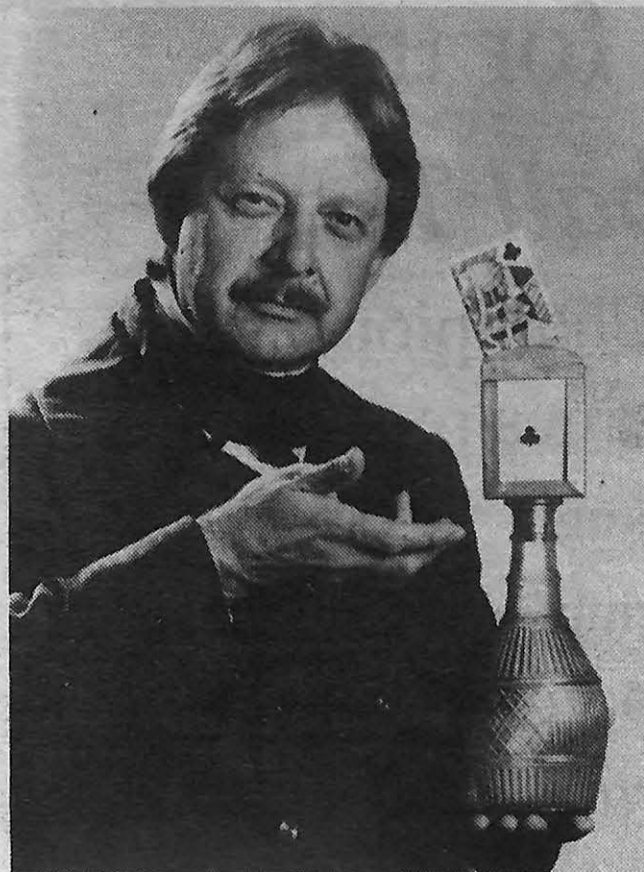
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Arts



ROBERT OLSON, who'll be presenting a program about 19th-century magician Richard Potter at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

Program On 19th Century Magician At The Agawam Library

Wearing white pantaloons and a blue tail coat, Robert Olson will recreate the 19th-century magic of Richard Potter at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

Potter first performed on his own in 1810 at the Columbian Museum in Boston. He advertised his show as "An Evening's Brush to Sweep Away Care, or a Medley to Please." The show consisted of magic with cards and coins, ribbons and boxes, and a variety of other tricks of magic from over 150 years ago.

Potter also offered ventriloquism, did a comic dissertation on noses, sang comic songs, and presented a shadow puppet play called "The Broken Bridge." His full show entertained audiences for over 25 years.

Robert Olson from Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts has spent the last 30 years studying and recreating Potter's magic. "It began as a hobby with a Mysto Magic Set I received as a Christmas present when I was eight years-old," Olson said. "The history part came later. I began to read the 18th- and 19th-century magic books, the broadsides and advertisements that Potter put out, and the diaries and letters from people who actually saw Potter perform. It was like he was whispering in my ear. He was the first truly successful magician born in America."

Potter was born in 1783 in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. His mother was black, his father was white. Potter went to Europe in 1798. He returned to America in 1802, traveling with Rannie The Scott, a professional magician. Potter assisted in the show, learning his magic and ventriloquism.

After Rannie left America around 1810, Potter began performing on his own. He continued to amaze and entertain audiences all across the early nation, from New England, to St. Louis, to Mobile, Alabama, and up into Canada, until he died in 1835.

Olson's show recreates the magic and fun of Richard Potter. He has performed at museums and historical societies across the United States, Canada, and England. The magic is done with recreated and original props, a 19th-century costume, and the early language that appeared in the magic books of Potter's time.

"I was surprised myself," Olson commented, "by how much both children and adults enjoy the show. The history of magic, the hidden science used by magicians, and the elegance of Mr. Potter with his language all work together so well. I think Mr. Potter would be proud if he could come back and see how people today were still enjoying his magic."

This program is free and open to the public, and it is being presented by the Agawam Cultural Council with funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SSO To Present "Mozart And The Magic Flute"

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra pays tribute to a musical legend and celebrates his contributions to the world of classical music with **Mozart and The Magic Flute** on Saturday, February 6th, at 8:00 p.m. at Springfield Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The performance will also feature retiring SSO principal flutist William Wittig, as the orchestra recognizes his 30 years of dedication to the organization.

The program will include three Mozart selections: Overture to *The Magic Flute*, Divertimento, K.131, Symphony No. 41 ("Jupiter"), and *Music for Flute and Orchestra* written especially for Wittig by Smith College faculty member Ronald Perera.

The evening's performance will pay tribute to SSO principal flutist William Wittig, whose musical career is marked by accolades demonstrating his talent and professionalism. One of Wittig's many accomplishments includes receiving a Fulbright Award to study in Paris.

He has written more than a dozen programs for PBS and won an ACE award in 1989 for Best Program About Music For Children. Wittig is a faculty member at Smith College, where he teaches flute and courses about music, art, and the media.

There is a mystery surrounding the origin of Mozart's last three symphonies (which include the 39, 40, and 41). There is no record of commission or performance of any of them in his lifetime.

Nevertheless, Mozart produced what SSO Maestro Mark Russell Smith calls, "a culmination of his lifetime of musical learning and experience. 'Jupiter' is an intricate and seemingly spontaneous piece which is actually amazingly crafted."

Tickets for the concert are available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) at (413) 733-2291.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$36. A 25-percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more, and tickets for youths ages four to 17 are half-price.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra invites you to discover the magical musicality of Mozart on February 6th at 8:00 p.m.

Feature Film For Families Slated At Ag. Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills families with children ages four and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, February 6th, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. to view the film "Napoleon."

This movie features a precocious golden retriever pup who takes a magical journey to the wilds of the Australian Outback in this all-animal adventure story. Library staff will provide snacks.

Please call 789-1550 or visit the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, to register by February 5th.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Agawam Community Artists To Present Carol Adamski

Carol Adamski, a national award-winning artist, will present an oil portrait demonstration at the Agawam Community Artists' next meeting on Monday evening, February 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

An extremely versatile artist, Adamski received the Western New England Award at the 69th National Juried Exhibition held at the Springfield Quadrangle for the watercolor portrait entitled "My Mother Maria." She has created artwork for a number of local businesses such as Milton Bradley, Dowling Advertising, Wilkins Art Counseling, and the New Renaissance Magazine.

Her creative cover illustrations have graced the covers of *The Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media* at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. At the present time, Wesson Women and Infants' Hospital at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, have three of Adamski's works on permanent display in their neo-natal intensive care unit. Now working principally in oils, she also works in watercolors, pen and ink, intaglio, and monotype.

Adamski received her associate degree in art from Holyoke Community College. She also attended the Northampton School of Design, studying editorial advertising and children's book illustration. She is currently attending the UMass Amherst, from which she will graduate this May with a bachelor of fine arts in painting with a minor in art history.

Please join us this coming Monday as we present an evening with this multi-talented artist. Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists are free and open to the public.

For additional information regarding the Agawam Community Artists or any of the artists that have been featured in our schedule of monthly programs, please contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

The Theater Project To Present Eugene O'Neill's "Hughie"

The Theater Project, the Pioneer Valley's only full-time theater, will present the Eugene O'Neill-penned *Hughie* from January 28th through February 6th.

Directed by Rand Foerster and starring Dick Volker and Roger Patnode, the play is set at a Manhattan hotel.

Tickets are available by contacting the box office at (413) 747-7797 during its operational hours of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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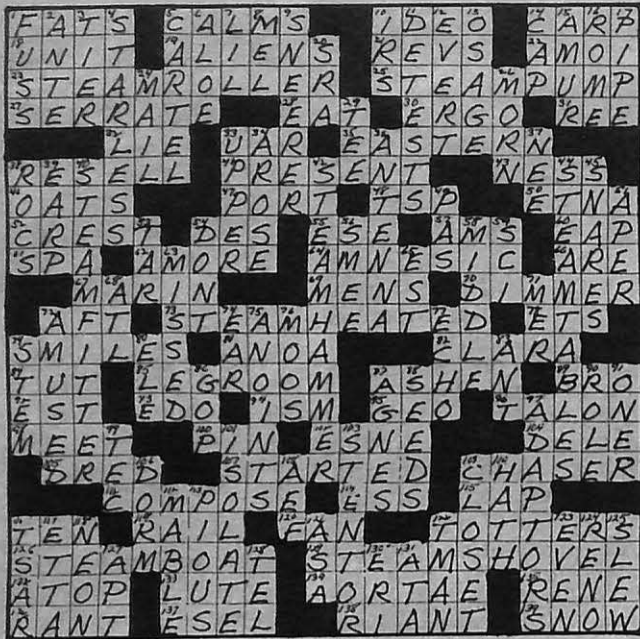
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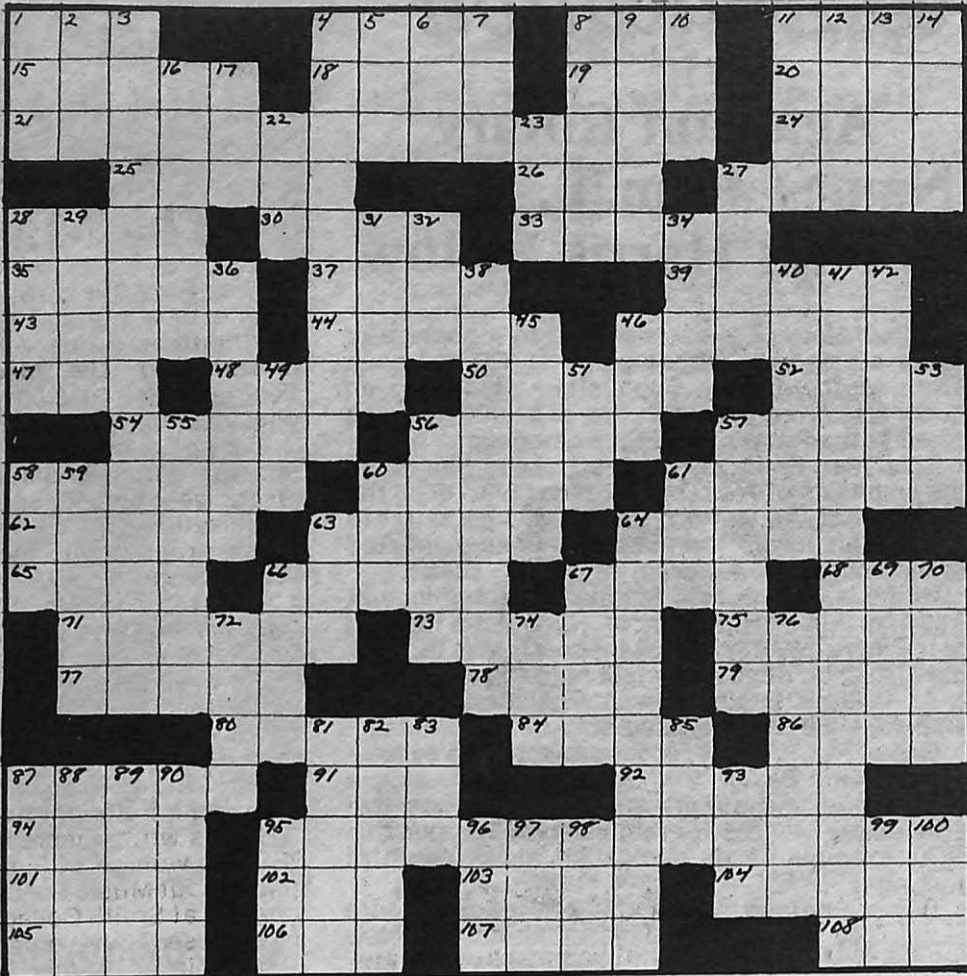
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
APPROVED ORDINANCE
TOR-98-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE STREET
ACCEPTANCE PORTION OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM
(Sponsored by the Street Acceptance Committee)

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam presently has numerous streets which have not been accepted as public ways which raises issues regarding maintenance and liability;

WHEREAS, the Agawam Town Council has not revised and updated the street acceptance procedure in approximately 15 years;

WHEREAS, every time a new street is laid out and approved by the Agawam Planning Board as part of the subdivision control process, another street is added to the list of unaccepted public ways in Agawam;

WHEREAS, in order to begin the process of accepting streets as public ways and to avoid increasing the size of the list of unaccepted public ways, the street acceptance procedure needs to be revised;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to revise and update the street acceptance procedure by amending the street acceptance portion of the Code of the Town of Agawam; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby amends Sections 155-24 through 155-27 of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective upon passage as follows:

ARTICLE III
STREET ACCEPTANCE

155-24. Procedure adopted.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, the Town of Agawam hereby adopts the following procedure for the acceptance of streets within the town as public ways whereupon the responsibilities for those streets so accepted by the Town Council shall thereafter rest with the town as set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws and the town ordinances.

155-25. Establishment of Street Acceptance Committee as agent for Council.

There is hereby established a Street Acceptance Committee who shall be the agent of the Town Council as defined by Massachusetts General Laws for purposes of holding public hearings, making recommendations to the Town Council and otherwise processing petitions for street acceptance. The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) Councilors appointed by the Council President, and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. The terms of the Councilors shall be coterminous with their Town Council terms.

155-26. Initiating acceptance of way.

Owners of land in the town may petition the Town Council for the acceptance of street as a public way by filing with the Town Clerk a petition bearing the signatures of at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the owners of lots abutting the street as indicated by the records of the Office of the Assessor. The Superintendent of Public Works may, with the approval of the Mayor, petition the Town Council for the acceptance of a street as a public way without the requirement of a petition bearing the signatures of any abutting owners. The Planning Board may petition the Town Council for the acceptance of a street within an approved subdivision as a public way without the requirement of a petition bearing the signatures of any abutting owners.

LEGAL NOTICE

155-27. Adoption of regulations and forms.

The Street Acceptance Committee may adopt, with the approval of the Town Council, regulations and forms for the street acceptance process. Such regulations shall be available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1999.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
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Education

Agawam Rotary Names John T. Burns A Paul Harris Fellow

A Paul Harris Fellow is named to recognize or honor a person in whose name \$1,000 has been given to the Rotary Foundation. Recently, an honor was given in recognition of \$1,000 that was given to the Rotary Polio Plus campaign.

This year, President James L. Lacy has made the emphasis of his term of office (1998-1999) the "children of the world." Therefore, who better to receive this award than one who is as dedicated to the children of Agawam as John T. Burns.

Burns is a dedicated teacher of technology at Agawam Junior High School. His unique method of teaching not only makes for good class rapport, but also encourages the student to think. His ability to have his students use unusual materials is an example of his teaching ability.

One of Burns' most recent projects was to have his students design and build a rocket using a soda bottle and air pressure. He also has had after-dinner classes for fathers and children. This is an example of his dedication to the youth of Agawam.

Burns' unique methods of teaching are recognized throughout Massachusetts and New England. He is often called upon to give workshops on ways of using unusual materials in teaching technology.

Burns is a member of the Engineering Society of Western Massachusetts. He is the immediate past president of this group of engineers, and he represents the education side of the organization.

Through Burns' efforts, the Future Cities Project is now flourishing in Western Massachusetts. This is a project that encourages students in the schools to design a city of the future, using all the imagination they would like.

Burns not only gives generously of himself to the classroom, but he is also on the team that records and broadcasts the Agawam School Committee meetings on local cable television.

Burns is the 1998 Massachusetts Technology Teacher of the Year.



AT STORROWTON TAVERN in West Springfield, Agawam Junior High technology teacher John T. Burns (in the center of each photo) was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation. IN LEFT PHOTO: Burns with his wife, Martha, and Agawam Rotary President Charles Heyl. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Burns with Rev. Donald Morris and Heyl. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"Curriculum Connections" Seminar On February 4th...

Important Notice To Parents Of Elementary & Middle School Students

Would you like to learn more about the new curriculum changes? Would you like the opportunity to speak directly with the curriculum specialists?

THEN PLEASE MAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND THIS INFORMAL AND INFORMATIVE SEMINAR, "CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS," to be held Thursday, February 4th at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE:

7:00-7:30 p.m., Refreshments & Introductions (cafeteria), Ass't. Superintendent Mary Czajowski.

7:30-8:00 p.m., Session I (Room TBA), Health, Mathematics & Science/Technology OR Language Arts, Reading & Social Studies, Elementary Specialists.

8:00-8:30 p.m., Session II (Room TBA), Language Arts, Reading & Social Studies OR Health, Mathematics & Science/Technology

(Elementary Specialists).

8:30-9:00 p.m., Closing and Questions & Answers (Cafeteria), Ass't. Superintendent & Specialists.

Parents will be divided into two groups that will switch at the end of each session so that you may visit with all the curriculum specialists.

Each session will consist of a brief introduction by the specialists, followed by a time to view curriculum materials and visit with the specialists.

The computer room will be open throughout the evening so parents may have the opportunity to take part in sample MCAS test questions.

Samples of the new curriculum materials will be available for parents to look over and packets will be available for parents to take home to review.

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February 10th Is Professional Dev. Day For PreK - 4 Teachers

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct a full day of professional development for PreK - 4 teachers.

Consequently, the Early Childhood Center, Clark, Granger, Phelps, and Robinson Park will not be in session that day, since elementary teachers will spend the entire day attending various MCAS workshops and training sessions.

PreK - 4 students will return to school on Thursday, February 11th.

Alfred Albano On Dean's List At Hamilton

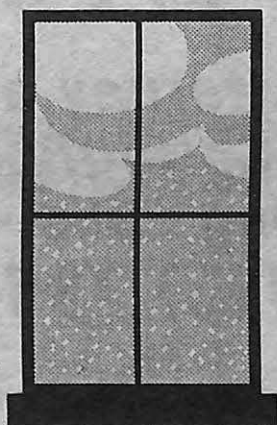
Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1998 fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A junior majoring in chemistry at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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Bathroom Resolution Goes Up In Smoke...

School Committee Indefinitely Tables Monitors At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Representatives of Interact, Agawam High School's student government, learned a lesson in civics at Tuesday night's School Committee meeting when the board indefinitely tabled a resolution calling for a pilot program to hire bathroom monitors for the remainder of the school year.

The closing bell on round two of the students' fight for monitors to promote smoke-free bathrooms clanged with a 4-3 tabling vote after School Committee members criticized the measure for failing to include a job description and raised a series of objections relating to the cost and efficacy of the program.

Round one ended in December when Acting Chairwoman Linda Galarneau removed a student-initiated report on smoking and bathroom maintenance at the school from the committee's agenda because she did not believe the students had exhausted the administrative chain of command before bringing the issue to the committee's attention.

School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin said she could not support the resolution as written because it did not contain a job description, nor would she support the suggested hourly wage of \$7 to \$8 per hour (which would make the position comparable in pay to a teaching assistant).

"I think there is no correlation between potty monitor and teaching assistant," Mrs. Sandlin said. "I'm looking at this as a \$6 an hour job."

After a surprise visit to the High School with Mrs. Galarneau and committee member Louis Massoia, committeewoman Susan Pettazzoni agreed that the smoke in the bathrooms was "horrible" and said the group saw smoke pouring out of the boys' bathroom before the start of school.

However, both Mrs. Pettazzoni and Mrs. Galarneau questioned whether having monitors in the bathrooms would solve the problem because state law prevents disciplinary action against students unless they are caught with a lit cigarette.

Also, both committee members said the hours suggested for the monitors to work (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) did not cover the time before school starts when the smoking problem is worse.

"If a student is in a closed stall and the smoke is coming up, you still can't accuse them. So a monitor can't do anything unless they see a lit cigarette," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Interrupting The Educational Process...

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said smoking in the bathrooms continues to interrupt the educational process at the school, despite the efforts of the teachers and the administrators to put a stop to student smoking. Teachers have been assigned to monitor bathrooms as a duty period. And several teachers take it upon themselves to spot check the bathrooms during passing time, but the problem continues to frustrate the teachers and the administration, Zabielski said.

"The teachers do 'OK' when they're monitoring the bathrooms, but they can't be there all the time," Zabielski said.

Interact members Heather Hughes and Leila Mouneimneh said the students were asking for monitors because other methods of curtailing smoking in the High School's bathrooms have been unsuccessful, rendering the bathrooms unbearable for the majority of the students, many of whom will wait until they get home from school rather than use the bathrooms at school.

"We don't have many problems at the High School, but this is a major issue that is talked about by the students, the School Council, and the faculty," Heather Hughes said.

Leila Mouneimneh said the students had been in touch with the principal of a nearby high school where monitors were successful in solving a similar problem with smoking in the bathrooms.

"We're asking for three monitors to work five days a week from the end of the first period to the beginning of the last period," Leila Mouneimneh said. "It should cost no more than \$2,000 per person until the end of the year."

Mrs. Pettazzoni estimated the program would actually cost the School Department \$25,000 a year for four monitors, and the added cost of benefits would bring the figure up to \$35,000 (if the School Department were to continue the pilot program).

Funds to pay monitors until the end of the school year would come from the summer school tuition account, but the funds to continue the program would come from the High School budget.

Local Students Attain Dean's List Standing At Westfield State

Dr. William H. Lopes, senior vice president for academic affairs, has announced the Westfield State College students who have achieved the Dean's List for the fall semester 1998.

To obtain Dean's List status, students must have a 3.3 grade point average with no grade less than a C.

Among these outstanding students are:

From Agawam:

Marni Ayers, Corrie Antaya, Robert Ayers, Patricia Belisle, Lisa Brew, Lynn Carra, Jenna Dietschler, Heidi Hersey, Linda M. Jordan, Kamaris Lessard, Nathan Murray, Kevin O'Connor, Angelo Pananas, Jill Pavelosyk, Tara Rivkin, Sandra A. Rueli, Kristen Schmaelzle.

From Feeding Hills:

Kristen Asselin, Nicole Boyer, Nancy Bulmer, Carolyn Clini, Sarah Fede, Sabrina Ferrari, Marie Fortier, Jason Gilmartin, Beth Lacienski, Cheryl Lanier, Susan Longtin, Selena Machia, Robin A. Magagnoli, Kara Maslowski, Brandon Parrelli, Erik Ranstrom, Allison Reidio, Nicholas Rondinelli, Jessica Ryder, Jane G. Tuohey.

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Holyoke Community College To Hold Comm. Service Fair

Holyoke Community College will host a Community Service Fair on Wednesday, February 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, G Building. The fair is free and open to the public.

Organizations from throughout the community that utilize volunteers will be on hand with information available concerning their missions and the people they serve.

During the fair, there will be music, prizes, and entertainment. A tour of the HCC campus will be given to interested community members. The tour is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Area Students Named To Dean's List At UMass Dartmouth

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1998 semester at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

To attain Dean's List standing, a students must earn a grade point average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

* From Agawam:

Ellen M. Piangerelli, who is majoring in Visual Design.

* From Feeding Hills:

Jason E. Devine, who is majoring in Political Science.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 1st: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, seasoned carrots, oven potato rounds, bread and butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, February 2nd: Steamed frank-furt in roll, oven-baked beans, potato wedges, chilled peaches or raspberry Jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday, February 3rd: Baked hamburger and macaroni with spaghetti sauce, Italian bread and butter, seasoned green beans, citrus Jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, February 4th: Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, taco sauce, bread and butter, chocolate cake with mocha icing, milk.

Friday, February 5th: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato rounds, creamy cole slaw, chocolate brownie, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

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Troop 562 Celebrates The Holidays At Luigi's...



MEMBERS OF TROOP 562 celebrated the recent Christmas holiday with a party at Luigi's Pizza. The girls ate pizza, made holiday gifts, and sang a few Christmas carols. They would like to thank Jimmy and his staff for giving them such a warm welcome and a great Christmas party.

Ag. Middle School Counselor's News

by **Thomas F. Dacey**
Middle School Counselor

Parents should be aware that January 29th will mark mid-year at the Middle School. Grades for the second marking period will close on that date, and parents can expect report cards to be sent home on or about February 5th. Parents are asked to sign and return the report card stubs to the school as soon as possible.

There is still time for most students to improve their standing, but any difficulties should be addressed as soon as possible. Parents are urged to work with the school to resolve any problems they see arising because of poor marks.

Some schedule changes will take place at mid-year at the Middle School. Sixth-grade students who are presently in the art and music program will switch to the home economics and technology education sequence. Sixth-graders now in home economics and technology education courses will change to the art and music schedule.

Fifth-grade students who are taking art will begin taking music at mid-year. Fifth-graders who are taking music will begin the art course.

Students in both the fifth and sixth grade spend one of the four marking periods in computer class. Those students who did not take the computer course during one of the first two terms will do so during the second half of the year.

In the area of study skills, the sixth-grade students will shortly be reviewing ideas to help them do a better job on homework. They will review such strategies as setting aside a particular time each day to complete their homework, having a quiet place in which to study, and making sure they write all of their assignments in their agenda book.

Brownie Troop 563 Having A Busy And Fun-Filled Year

BROWNIE TROOP 563 - FALL NEWS

The troop began its first meeting as Brownie Girl Scouts as October 14, 1998. During the first few months, the girls were learning more about the Girl Scout ways as well as performing service projects. In October, they painted pumpkins and made black spiders to decorate their homes. They also made special Halloween cards for family and friends.

In November, they made birthday cards to help celebrate the Nestle Quik Bunny's birthday and 50th anniversary of Nestle Chocolate. For each card received, the Nestle Company donated 50 cents to "Reading is Fundamental," in that child's name. They also decorated placemats to be used by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church for the dinner they were serving on Thanksgiving Day.

In December, the girls took a trip to the Trolley Museum in Connecticut for a trolley ride through the "tunnel of lights." It was a cool, crisp evening and a fun time was had by all. The girls ended the holiday season by going caroling to the Danahy House in Feeding Hills (an assisted living home for the elderly).

The girls are looking forward to the new year of activities and projects.

AHS Guidance Department Slates Annual Meeting For Incoming Ninth-Grade Parents

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Agawam High School Guidance Department will conduct its annual meeting for incoming ninth-grade parents (the present eighth-grade class). This extremely important meeting will take place in the High School Auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m.

Topics scheduled to be discussed that evening include the scheduling of eighth-grade students for the ninth grade, as well as the new program of studies for grade nine (including the new integrated Science and English Honors Portfolio Programs).

Additional discussion topics will include graduation requirements and the revised entrance requirements for Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities. This program is intended to

meet the needs of parents as their child reaches this challenging and exciting time.

The students will have their own orientation program when the High School counselors visit the Junior High during the week of February 8th-12th. These small meetings will allow the students to ask questions and to have their concerns addressed in a familiar classroom setting.

Actual scheduling of students will not take place until after a "Hands-On Career Night" will be conducted at the High School on the evening of Wednesday, March 3rd.

Please plan to attend these two informational evenings and watch this paper for more details on the "Career Night."

Kids' Program At Storowton Village Museum

Children age seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about Early American Village life during Storowton Village Museum's winter vacation program titled "A Day Away in the Past." The program will be offered twice, February 18th or 19th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Children spending a day away in the past will dress in period costumes provided by the Village and try their hand at crafts such as candle dipp-

ing, basketmaking, and fireplace cooking. They will also participate in old fashioned games and experience the uniqueness of a one-room schoolhouse as they "take their lessons" from the "Schoolmistress."

The cost for the one-day program is \$25. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storowton Village Museum office at 413-787-0136.

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Sports

Strong Efforts For Swimmers Vs. Chicopee

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Though the Agawam High girls lost, 101-82, and the boys fell 102-63, Tuesday afternoon to Chicopee High in a swim meet at the Agawam Junior High, Brownie swimming Coach Kim Scofield saw some good things. "We swam hard and were in it on both sides until the meet was almost over."

In the 200 medley relay for the girls, the team of Kaitlin Morris, Danielle DeForge, Emily Mortin, and Lauren Kunkler swam well, taking a second with a time of 2:28:75.

They had better luck in the 200 freestyle, where Rachel Morris, swimming hard and in it until the final 25 yards, finished second. Her teammate, Shaunessy Egan, managed a third.

Christina O'Brien used a strong final lap to grab a second in the 200 IM. She was in third when she touched the wall, but her kick got her that high finish.

The 50 free is the drag race of swimming. In the Agawam pool, which is 25 yards long, it's up and back as fast as you can go. Senior Bridget Donovan was able to take third in that event. Brenna McGinn just finished out of the money with a fourth. But the teammates swam hard for the point position. At that stage of the meet, the girls were down, 49-17.

Diving was up next. Chicopee had no one in that event. Agawam sent freshman Sara Trembly and juniors Steph Harnois and Lauren Kunkler to the board. Each had four dives apiece. Their highlights included three straight 5.5's for Kunkler on a back somersault pike. Harnois stuck a forward 1½ pike for a score of 6, 5.5, and 6. Trembly scored big on a forward dive with a full twist. The judges awarded her scores of 5, 5, and 5.

It ended with Harnois taking first, Kunkler second, and Trembly third. After the diving, Agawam had cut the Pacer margin to 40-35.

It was back to swimming. Alicyn Siano grabbed a second in the 100 fly. The winning time was 1:04.96. Siano came in with a 1:12.84. It was a strong effort for her.

Chicopee was first in the 100 free. But the Brownies placed sophomore Rachel Morris in second and senior Bridget Donovan in third.

The 500 free, a total endurance race, saw Christina O'Brien battle from back in the pack to come in second. Teammate Egan overtook a Pacer for third place.

Going into the 200 free relay, Chicopee was up, 72-35. The Brownies needed a good showing in that event. Rachel Morris, Shannon Costa, Bridget Donovan, and O'Brien worked hard and for a time were in the lead. They wound up in second.

The Brownie girls got their only first-place finish in the 100 backstroke. It went to Shannon Costa. The junior, showing a fluid, powerful style, made it in a time of 1:08.45.

After the 100 breaststroke when DeForge grabbed a second, Agawam was down so much the best they could have done was close the Pacer gap to 91-90.

The final event for them was the 400 freestyle relay. Emily Mortin, Nicole Breivogel, Sarah Bates, and Kate Gallagher managed a second. McGinn, O'Brien, Egan, and Costa were fourth and out of the money. * * *

The boys had some good showings with eight first-place finishes. All-Western Mass. champion Brendan Kilrain (who is like a torpedo when he swims) won the IM by 50 yards, the breaststroke, and was part of the winning 200 and 400 relay teams.

Nate Adamski won the 50 free in a time of 26.38. Nate was also involved in the diving. His best showing was an inward pike, which earned him scores of 4, 5.5, and 4. He won the boys' diving.

Charlie Roberts won the 100 backstroke with a personal best time of 1:07.43. That was good enough to qualify the senior for Western Mass. and the States. Roberts was also first in the 100 free. Matt Francis came in third.

The Agawam girls' record now stands at 1-5 and 1-3 in the B division. The boys are 0-4-1 and 0-2-1 in the B division.

SWIMMING NOTE:

Shannon Costa also qualified for Western Mass. She did it in the 100 fly with a time of 1:12:77.



MEMBERS OF THE 1998-1999 AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' varsity swim team. Back row, from left - Coach Kim Scofield, Stephine Harnois, Danielle DeForge, Shannon Costa, Katie Gallagher, Sarah Bates, Hilary King, Brenna McGinn, Shaunessy Egan, and Coach Kevin Smith. Front row - Bridget Donovan, Lisa Niedziela, Rachel Morris, Emily Morton, Kaitlin Morris, Lauren Kunkler, and Alicyn Siano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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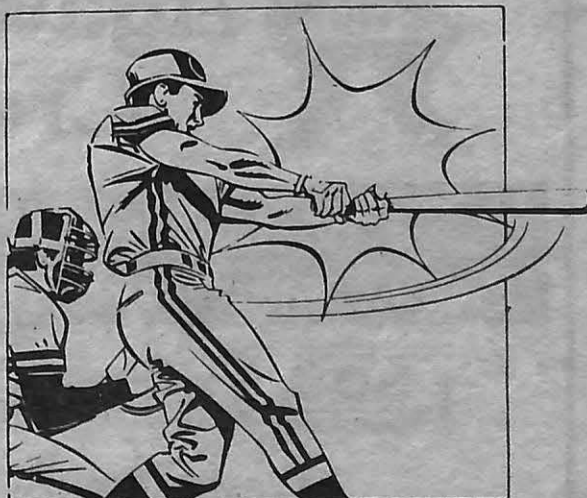
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BROWNIE GIRLS' SWIMMING COACH Kim Scofield (left) and Coach Kevin Smith with senior captains Brenna McGinn and Shaunessy Egan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SWIMMING COACHES KIM SCOFIELD AND KEVIN SMITH are pictured with boys' varsity swimmers Matthew Francis, Nathan Adamski, and Brian Borkosky. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Girls Remain Undefeated (12-0) After Ho-Hum Win Over Westfield

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For a few heady moments this past Tuesday evening, visiting Westfield High thought it just might be on the verge of upsetting the unbeaten, top-ranked Agawam High girls' basketball team. Alas, it was not to be as the Bombers became the 12th victim of the Brownies this season, falling 56-34.

Westfield came out with a novel way of dealing with the Brownies' big gun, Barbara Maloni (26.5 ppg). Agawam Coach Lou Conte explained. "Box and one, triangle and two, diamond and one, call it what you want, Barbara still scored 25 points," he smiled.

Indeed, Westfield had Kristen Jachym in Malon's shirt for the bulk of the game. For a time, the tactic seemed to have some merit. They were up, 6-2, then 8-4 with 4:06 gone.

At the 10:30 mark, their lead grew to 12-6 and Maloni was quiet. At that point, the Bombers were shooting 6-8 from the field, and Agawam was 3-8. Conte called a timeout to talk things over. The discussion obviously worked.

Agawam began to hit the board with tenacity, both offensively and defensively. They were down 12-9 when three offensive boards by Melissa Cote (14 rebounds) kept a Brownie effort alive, and another offensive board by Pia Bertone-Gross and a hoop saw AHS down, 12-11. It was the beginning of the Bombers' demise.

Brownies Take The Lead For Good...

AHS went ahead to stay with 7:28 left in the half, 14-12, when Maloni (who would have 19 first-half points) grabbed another offensive board, canned the return, got fouled, and hit the charity shot.

A deuce by Bertone-Gross (12 points) and a Maloni trey increased the Agawam lead to 19-12. Westfield hung on for a little bit longer, closing to 21-18 with four minutes left. Maloni, who had shaken off Jachym, got two on a bunny and two more on foul shots off a steal. The scoreboard flashed 25-18, Agawam, with 3:10 to go.

Agawam, still in its tough man-to-man defense, was also playing with nary a foul to be seen. Westfield did not have a foul shot and would not for the entire first half. Maloni, on the other hand, had gone 6-6 from the stripe and would end up going 10-10 for the game.

Jill Gendron, Kate Shannon, and Kara Tierney took over the defense when Conte pulled his starters with three minutes left in the first. It was obvious that while Westfield was game, Agawam just kept on coming. And it was just too much for the Bombers to handle. The half ended with the Brownies up, 34-18.

Both Teams Keep Their Respective Strategies...

Westfield didn't change its strategy to open the second 16. Jachym was back in Maloni's shirt. Agawam didn't alter theirs, either — it was in-your-face, man-to-man with an occasional press thrown in to worry the Bomber offense.

With 5:30 gone, Agawam was up, 38-20. At that point, they were shooting 3-13 from the field. Westfield could manage only 1-8. That Agawam shooting effort, while not good, didn't have to be.

Cote and Maloni (seven rebounds) had been controlling the boards. That fact allowed them to slowly increase their lead to 44-20 with 8:21 left.

Westfield made a final run, outscoring Agawam 8-1 with 6:22 to go, improving their field goal performance to 5-17 and closing to 45-28. But with more offensive heroics by Maloni and some tough interior defense by Bertone-Gross and Cote, the Brownies went up 50-30 and it was "Goodnight, Irene" to the flaming Bombers.

It would end with Liz Stieg hitting a deuce at the buzzer. The Agawam effort saw them rise to 12-0. Westfield fell to 7-4 after this non-league game.

"I thought we had some good intensity there in the first half. We just need to get some scoring from other people besides Barbara. We kind of fell asleep in the second half. If they'd made their lay-ups, it's a whole different ballgame," Conte noted

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Cancellations and postponements will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. The department reserves the right to set a maximum for each class and to cancel any class due to insufficient registration.

No unregistered person may attend classes at any time. No babysitting is provided for any programs. Children must be of correct age before class begins.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured while participating in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs. Please note — you enter our programs at your own risk.

The Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any personal belongings which are lost, stolen, or damaged while participating in or watching any of our activities.

ADULT PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: "Fun," recreational program began January 4th and will run for 10 weeks at GRANGER SCHOOL.

Monday, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.; \$25/10 weeks or \$3/night.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program began January 7th and will run for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Thursday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; \$20/eight weeks or \$3/night.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program began January 7th and will run for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Thursday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; \$20/eight weeks or \$3/night.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Participants must be 18 years or older. Proof of age and residency is required for admittance to the program.

Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; \$2/night.

Registration for Women's, Men's, and Co-Ed Volleyball was accepted the first night of the program at the gyms. Registration for Drop-In Basketball is not necessary. The drop-in fee is payable to the site supervisor per visit.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

RECREATIONAL SWIM: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL through May.

Monday, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.; \$2 (six years and up), \$1 (under six years).

Disposable diapers or floatation devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

FALCONS' NIGHT: To be announced (watch for detailed flyers in February).

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS: The six-week swim lesson program will be offered at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL on Saturdays beginning January 23rd. Participants must bring their own bathing suit and towel. Water Safety Instructor: Jennifer Cunningham.

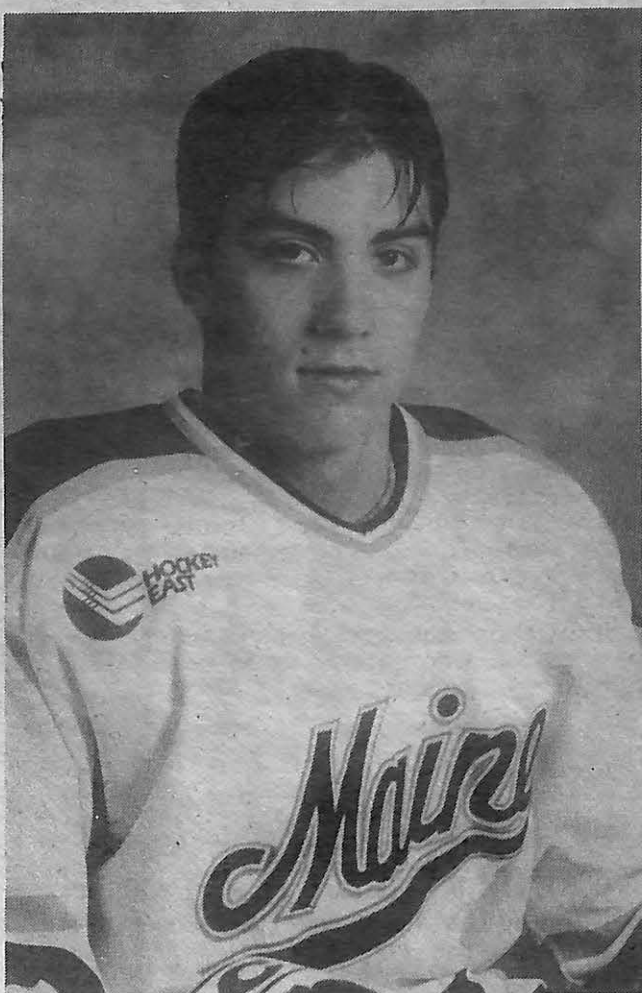
11:00 to 11:30 a.m., Parent & Tot (six months to two years, nine months). Limit: 15 pairs.

11:35 to 12:15 p.m., Pre-School (two years, nine months to four years). Limit: 12 students.

12:20 to 1:20 p.m., Levels 1 & 2 (five years and up). Limit: 15 students.

1:25 to 2:25 p.m., Levels 2 through 5 (five years and up). Limit: 15 students.

The fee is \$25, and registration will be accepted at the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, January 11th.



DOUG JANIK, a 1998 Agawam High graduation, is playing at a high level already in big-time college hockey (Hockey East) for the University of Maine.

Big-Time College Hockey No Problem For Doug Janik

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The University of Maine Black Bears have a rising star on their hockey team - Agawam's Doug Janik. Though he never played hockey for the Agawam High Brownies, the 1998 graduate was a star at a much higher level while a schoolboy.

The 6'1", 206-pound, 19 year-old defenseman cut his teeth with the very tough U.S. Developmental team last year. He spent the 1995-1996 and 1996-1997 seasons with the Junior Whalers.

At this writing, he has three goals and six assists in 15 games for the Bears, who are 15-2-4 and 7-2-2 in Hockey East, widely regarded as the best Division I conference in the country. Doug also uses his size to knock people around. He is one of the team leaders in penalties with 10, for a total of 20 minutes.

UMaine Sports Information Director Dave Lang calls Janik a tough, aggressive kid who fits in well with the Black Bear style of hockey. Maine has an imposing 36-game schedule, which not only includes their Hockey East foes, but teams from out West, such as Denver, Colorado College, and Canadian teams like the University of Moncton.

Janik plans to major in education. But many observers feel that career aspiration will take a back seat, at least for awhile, to a career in the National Hockey League (first round pick?).

He is also an international player for Team USA on the Junior level. He is the son of Doug and Ellen Janik of Agawam.

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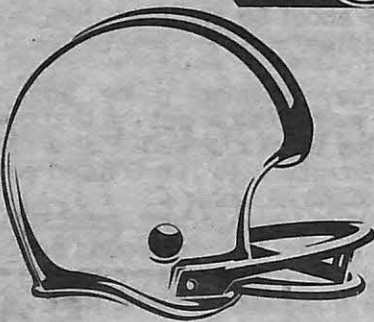
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Baywest Pee Wee Warriors Visit Fleet Center



THE BAYWEST WARRIORS went to the Fleet Center in Boston last month to see the Bruins in action against the Buffalo Sabres. After winning a raffle amongst other Baywest teams, the Pee Wee C Warriors were on hand to pass out NHL All-Star ballots to a sell-out crowd. BACK ROW: Mike Dunphy, Tim O'Brien, Josh Edwards, Matt Woodward, Coach Dave Vanasse, Mike Brouillette, Tony Boido, Aaron D'Amario, Nick Pandolfi, and Assistant Coach Steve Brouillette. FRONT ROW: Jacob Labelle, John Duval, Ryan Harlow, Matt Footit, and Justin Vanasse.

Ag. Parks Dept. Offers Several Courses

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring the following courses.

Lifeguard Training Course: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-9:00 p.m. from February 9th through March 4th. To be held at the Agawam Junior High School pool. Fee is \$175, which includes books, pocket mask, and cards. Participants must be 15 years of age. Instructor is Gordon Sellick.

Water Safety Instructor Course: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-9:00 p.m. from March 9th through April 1st. To be held at the Agawam Junior High School pool.

Fee is \$175, which includes books and cards. Participants must be 17 years of age. Instructor is Gordon Sellick.

Registration is now being accepted at the Recreation Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parental permission is needed.

There is a class minimum of six and maximum of 16 participants.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

Baywest Warriors Continue To Play Tough In Local Youth Hockey Circuit

The Baywest Warriors won their second game of the season against Westfield. Baywest's first goal of the game was by Anthony Barker, with an assist by Ryan Harlow. Baywest defenseman John Duval and Aaron D'Amario did their job well to keep Westfield from scoring.

The second goal was scored by Nick Pandolfi, with an assist from Ryan Harlow. Baywest's offense was doing their job on taking shots, as Tim O'Brien and Josh Edwards kept the offense on their toes. Mike Brouillette scored the third goal of the game with another assist by Ryan Harlow, giving him his playmaker patch for this year.

Mike Dunphy had some strong shots on goal, but Westfield's defense was tough. The fourth goal of the game was by Ryan Harlow to give the Warriors a 4-0 lead, and the following score (number five) was a nice goal from Nick Pandolfi.

The lead into the third period with a 5-0 was going as strong as ever, as Ryan Harlow scored number six into the net. Tony Boido had some nice saves to keep Westfield's offense away.

The final goal of the game was scored by Jake Labelle to give the Warriors a 7-0 win. Blue line patches were given to defensemen Mat Footit, Aaron D'Amario, and Matt Woodward.

Tony Boido had his first shutout of the season, which was well-deserved as Tony made some outstanding saves.

The Warriors' next game against Tri-City was a tough loss. Tri-City started out scoring their first goal early. Defensemen Mat Footit and Matt Woodward had some nice defensive moves, but Tri-City was on fire.

Tim O'Brien and Mike Dunphy had some shots on goal, but they were rejected. Josh Edwards had a couple of nice breakaways, but Tri-City's defense was always there.

After a 6-0 lead by Tri-City, Ryan Harlow scored with 5:49 left in the game. Jake Labelle and Mike Brouillette were there helping out. After a 6-1 lead,

Aaron D'Amario and John Duval were keeping the Tri-City offense away, but Tri-City snuck in their seventh goal of the game.

Nick Pandolfi and Ryan Harlow were strong on offense to try and get goal number two for the Warriors. With 4:01 left, Ryan Harlow had his second goal of the game. With a couple of minutes left, Jake Labelle held in there on offense for the Warriors.

Tony Boido had about 30 shots on him and made some great saves.

An early Saturday morning game against Ludlow was pretty even. Ludlow got the first goal of the game to give them the lead. But a nice assist from Mike Brouillette to Tim O'Brien gave Tim his first goal of the season.

Defensemen Anthony Barker and John Duval kept Ludlow away throughout the second period. Josh Edwards and Mike Dunphy were strong on offense, with help from Jake Labelle and Mike Brouillette.

Into the third period, with the score still 1-1, Tony Boido had some good saves on Ludlow. Aaron D'Amario and Matt Woodward has some strong checking to keep Ludlow away. Nick Pandolfi and Ryan Harlow had some nice shots on goal, but there were rejected by Ludlow's defense.

With five minutes left in the game, Ludlow broke the tie to make it 2-1 in their favor. Baywest, however, didn't give it up; they skated their way to Ludlow's net, but a breakaway from Ludlow gave them the 3-1 win over the Warriors.

Defense has been tough, as an injury to Mat Footit, kept him away from the Warriors team for about four weeks.

The Warriors had a great game against the Springfield Caps. The game started out evenly for both teams. Anthony Barker had a nice breakaway, but the Caps' goalie was right there. Defensemen John Duval and Aaron D'Amario kept the puck out of their net with some great defensive plays.

A nice pass from Jake Labelle to Nick Pandolfi was a hope for the Warriors' first goal of the game, but the Caps' goalie was there to make the save. Mike Dunphy and Tim O'Brien, along with Mike Brouillette, had some good shots on goal, but the Springfield team's defense was too strong and made the play tough.

Tony Boido had over 30 shots on goal to make some outstanding saves, but a breakaway by the Caps gave them a 1-0 lead. Matt Woodward and Anthony Barker's defense was tough to keep the puck away. With a steal from the Caps' defense, Ryan Harlow had a nice breakaway to tie the game at 1-1.

The third period was strong for both teams, as the defense and offense were pretty hectic on both clubs. With 4.1 seconds left and Baywest's defense keeping on their toes, Tony Boido had a nice save. But with a time of 0.0 left, a goal was let in, now knowing if time ran out or not.

It ended up with the Caps winning by the score of 2-1. Baywest played a fantastic game, and the goaltending was outstanding.

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In Tri-Parish Bowling...

St. Mary's Takes First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling League

Let's have a moment of silence for poor ol' Boston College because the last couple of weeks have not been very kind to them.

On Monday, January 11th, BC lost sole ownership of first place when St. Mary's managed to tie them for the "top spot" in round two of the Tri-Parish Bowling League. Then, as luck — and outstanding rolling — would have it, St. Mary's (25-11) surpassed BC (23-13) on Monday, January 18th.

St. Mary's was able to accomplish this feat courtesy of its 3-1 victory over BC. However, no one can rest on his or her laurels when it comes to the action in Tri-Parish bowling, so it's just possible that BC could come back and regain the lead in the league.

Meanwhile, things are getting pretty hectic in the middle of the pack. Holy Cross (20-16) is barely holding onto third, courtesy of Georgetown (19-17) breathing down its neck. Fordham and St. Louis are tied at 17-19 apiece, and St. Anselm is right behind them at 16-20.

However, there is currently a battle of the cellar-dwellers taking place, with Catholic University, St. Michael's, and Notre Dame tied for last with standings of 14-22 each. Needless to say, the players on these three teams are desperate to improve upon their respective lowly records.

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Gymnastics Teams From Massachusetts Compete At Daggett's

Neither snow, nor sleet, nor dark of night can keep the gymnasts from their annual meet!

January 3, 1999 was the date, and miserable weather was our fate as gymnastics teams from across Massachusetts converged at 103 Gold Street, Agawam — the home of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics. All the hardy souls that Mother Nature could not deter had a great time, and here are the results.

Level 10:

Agawam's Lauren Powell competed in two events and won them both. Her balance beam routine scored a 9.0, and she swung her way to an 8.85 on bars.

Sarah Liebowitz captured the gold on vault with an 8.8, and her floor routine was good for a 7.1.

Level Nine:

Hometown girl Andrea Babbin continues to amaze us with her power and grace, as she swept the senior division with a 9.0 on vault, 9.05 on bars, 8.75 on beam, and 8.6 on floor (35.4).

Leah Boccaccio finished a strong second with a 31.35, and Devon Ehret was right behind her with a 30.75.

In the junior division, Agawam's Brionne Lancour won the gold with a 33.95 all-around. West Suffield's Leigha Hancock, who was "dancing" & tumblin' on floor (9.05 - first), won the silver all-around (32.95).

Level Eight:

In the 8-10 age group, Enfield's Jen Stack (9.0 bars) captured the gold with a 32.85 all-around. Agawam's Mary Kate Zajac took the top spot in the 11-12 group with a 32.75.

The 13-14 age group saw Paula Ballentine used her 9.2 on bars to "hold the gold" with a 33.7 all-around. West Side's Kari Sullivan took third with a 33.1, and Wilbraham's Whitney Quist had a 32.4.

Level Seven:

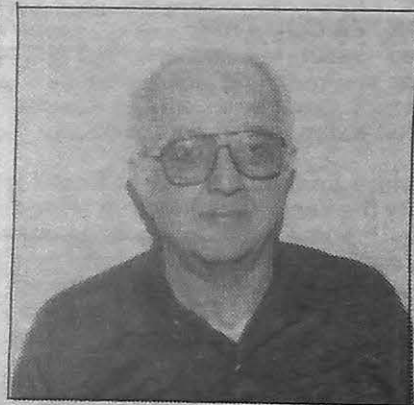
Agawam High School gymnast Liz Clark hones her skills in the off-season at the Daggett gym, and her 31.95 showed that she is working hard.

Level Six:

Suffield's Joy Higley won the 13-plus age group with a 32.55.

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Agawam High JV & Frosh Basketball Teams



MEMBERS OF THE 1998-1999 Agawam High junior varsity boys' basketball team. Back row, from left - Coach Kevin Daley, Ian Hogan, Josh Spinner, Ryan Buynicki, Adam Ellsworth, Mike Thomas, and Brian Forsman. Front row - Bill Menard, Shawn Mercadante, Tim Sullivan, Mike Brunelle, and Travis Reed. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE 1998-1999 Agawam High freshman boys' basketball team. Back row, from left - Coach Guido Winters, Jeff Burger, Dan Neary, Paul Versace, John Bruyette, Rob Cullen, and Mike Carmody. Front row - Paul Ruccio, Brian Carney, Ricky Gardner, John Lynch, and Shawn Poirier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Boat Show A Mid-Winter Hit!

The boat show at the Big E's Better Living Center was a welcome respite from the mid-winter doldrums. Approximately 300 boats were on display from all over southern New England.

It was a fun experience. If one ever needed some extra motivation, it was parked on display somewhere at the show. Personally, I would have liked to see a more extensive collection of salt water fishing boats, like center consoles and walk-around cuddies. Dealers have to realize that even though we may be 70 or 80 miles inland, many of us keep boats at the shore or trailer them there.

Recent sales figures from the Marine Manufacturers Association reveal that overall sales of bass boats were down about 10 percent this year, while big water boats like center consoles and walk-arounds were up almost 33 percent. Anybody out there in the local marine business listening?

SAFE ICE?

Before the January thaw of this past week, there was safe ice on many of the ponds and lakes. I am an avid ice fisherman, but just couldn't muster the enthusiasm to ice fish in a downpour!

Hardwater fishermen should take extra care in the coming days to make sure that there is enough solid ice under their feet to safely fish. Be extra cautious around areas of the lakes that are constricted by points of land.

Any current, however slight, will accelerate through those "narrows," and retard the formation of ice. A good example is Congamond Lakes Middle Pond. Several years ago a snowmobiler went through the ice there, with tragic consequences.

Just because there is safe ice thickness in one part of a lake, is no guarantee that spring holes or upwellings in another part of the lake won't effect the ice thickness.

So, be careful out there, especially after this warm, rainy week.

WINTER COD TRIP

I have received several inquiries regarding plans for this year's winter cod trip. A check of fishing reports (which have been a little sparse) reveals that the cod catch is still sort of spotty at best.

With that in mind, I think that the best time for this trip is probably the second weekend in March. I will be talking with some of the party boat captains to see if we can get some sort of group rate. I will keep you up-to-date via the column regarding this trip in future weeks.

Have a safe and enjoyable time in our great outdoors.

DAGGETT'S - from Page 41...

Sarah Kantany swept the 12 year-old group with a 34.6, and Rachel Zmuda had a 29.95 for second. Mia Yacteen's 31.85 was fifth, and Agawam's Caitlin Ranstrom did not compete due to injury.

Level Five:

In the 7-8 group, Claire Conway, 26.0.

In the 9-10 group, Jamie Basilone, 34.5; Mia Siameri, 32.5; Kimberly Denuie, 31.9; Andrea Hurwitz, 31.75; Kerri Conway, 31.55; Rachel Foltz, 29.85; Jennifer Vincent, 29.6; and Kristen Levesque, 27.75.


In the 11-12 group, Christie Lee, 34.5 (9.1 floor); Julia Conway, 34.4 (9.0 floor); Danielle Lee, 32.95; Amber Higley, 31.55; and Katie Malloy, 30.2.

In the 13-plus group, Cassandra Smolkowicz, 33.45.

Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics would like to thank the members of the Booster Club for their time and effort in running the meet, the parents and gymnasts for braving the elements, and the Town of Agawam for keeping the streets driveable and safe. See you next year!

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Thanks, Agawam High Cheerleaders



FOUR MEMBERS of the Agawam High varsity cheerleaders sent us this photo to thank us for our support of their October benefit golf tournament held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. The day was a great success and the cheerleaders again wish to thank all those who came out and showed their support.

Games And Lanes Indoor Soccer League (2nd Session - As Of 1/24/99)

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Green Machine	3	1	0	6
Green Giants	1	3	0	2
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10-12 GIRLS RED DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Whip's Wildcats	3	0	0	6
Strikers	2	2	0	4
St. Catherine	1	3	0	2
Brookside	1	3	0	2
Blue Jays	0	3	0	0

BLUE DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Twisters	3	1	0	6
Holy Cross	3	1	0	6
Voyagers	2	2	0	4

10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Lightning	3	0	0	6
Games & Lanes	2	1	0	4
Yellow Jackets	1	2	0	2
West Side	0	3	0	0

12-13 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Brookside	2	0	1	5
Palmer Galaxy	1	1	1	3
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Agawam Little League To Hold Sign-Ups On Sat., February 6th

Want the opportunity to play for the Little League Baseball World Championship? It only happens to sanctioned Little League teams.

The Agawam Little League is holding sign-ups on February 6th at the Captain Charles Leonard House from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Agawam Little League enters a team to the Little League World Series every year. In 1996, the boys won the coveted District II Championship. This has been our best showing yet. The 1998 All Stars were led by the strong pitching of our own Vinnie Moretti, who pitched a *perfect game* in the tournament.

In 1998, the Agawam Little League, in conjunction with the Jimmy Fund, entered the 9-10 year-old tournament and our boys won the District II Championship by going 10-0 against the best 9-10 year-old baseball players in Western Massachusetts.

If you enjoyed watching the boys from Tom's River, New Jersey win the title last year, come check us out at the sign-ups on February 6th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Coaches and board of directors members will be on hand to answer any questions. We will also have pictures from last year's tournament teams.

If you cannot make the sign-ups but have questions, you can call Bruce Bussiere at 786-7492.

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Discounts on merchandise and tune-ups are available in Western Massachusetts at the Colorado Ski Outlet, Competitive Edge, Wildwater Outfitters, and the Ski-In. Other discounts are available at Connecticut shops as well.

One-hundred percent of funds raised through the "Ski Privilege Book" will help the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts' community education and research programs in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties.

For more information or to order the "Ski Privilege Book," please call the American Lung Association at (413) 737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.

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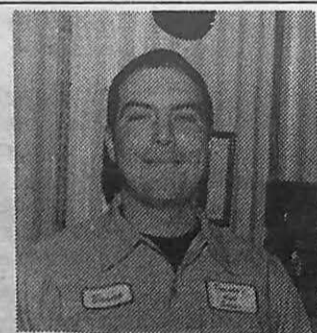


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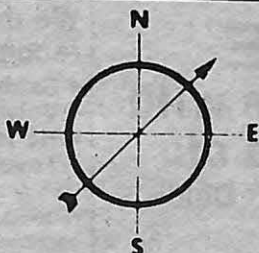
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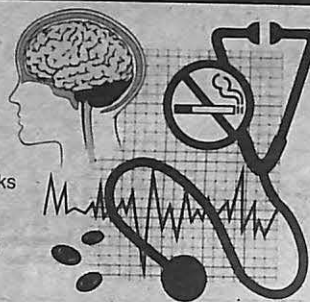
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